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Rep. Tony Sablan tries to comfort 80-year-old Luisa Borja Quitugua who burst into tears after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation failed yesterday to vote for passage of a local bill that seeks to appropriate partial payment for her land compensation claim. Also in photo is Quitugua's son, Elbert Quitugua. The delegation will continue its session this morning, Friday.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

ighty-year-old Luisa Borja Quitugua couldn't help but cry shortly after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation failed to vote for the passage of a local bill that would have allocated partial payment for her land compensation claim.

"I'm not coming back! No more!" said Quitugua as she slowly walked outside the legislative building on Capital Hill on her way to a car driven by her son.

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4 bets for CUC chief endorsed to EPA

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will soon have a permanent executive director after the Fitial administration disclosed that it is awaiting word from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its nominees for the top post.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed with Saipan Tribune Wednesday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has submitted to EPA a list of four candidates for consideration.

CUC has been functioning without a permanent executive director since Abe Utu Malae resigned from his post in May this year. He resigned after the governor's declaration of a state of emergency for CUC.

Malae served the executive director post from November 2010 to May 2012. Prior to this appointment, he was the agency's deputy director.

The recruitment and hiring process for the executive director post is being handled by the governor's office. The CUC executive director

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NMC Foundation defends West contract

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

Faced by a barrage of faculty criticisms, Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., has found an ally in the chairman of the NMC Foundation board.

NMC Foundation chair Dr. Alan Markoff, who also serves as the chairman of the newly created foundation for the college, said yesterday that Hart was not involved in

the contract executed by the new foundation with her husband, Steven West. "First and foremost,

this is a contract entered into between the NMC College Foundation and

dissatisfaction with leadership

ate reiterates

>> Faculty Sen-

Mr. West. The NMC Foundation is controlled by its own board of directors. Dr. Hart is a non-voting member of this board," said Markoff in a statement yesterday.

He disclosed that the foundation's board retained West to provide consultative services in relation to fundraising and strategies for the development of a new foundation.

"When the foundation presented this to the college, Dr. Hart identified the potential conflict of interest, recused herself from participation, and delegated authority for

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MAKEOVER MAGIC

Congregates at the Aging Center receive free haircut and hair color, among other beauty services yesterday. The event, sponsored by IT&E, is the telecommunication company's treat for the island's elderly this holiday season.

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Mochitsuki Festival on Sat.

The international flavor of Christmas in the Marianas continues this Saturday, Dec. 22, as the Marianas Visitors Authority, Team PDI, Friends of Paseo de Marianas and other tourism partners present the Mochitsuki Festival.

This annual festival highlights the preparation of *mochi*—glutinous rice—for the Japanese New Year. The festival will be held from 6pm to 9pm in downtown Garapan at Paseo de Marianas pedestrian mall and will feature *mochi* pounding, dance performances by Saipan Awadori Team and Okinawa Eisa Dancers of Japan, and a karate exhibition.

Japanese and other international cuisine will be sold by Country House, Moby Dick, Jhem's, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Okadaya, E'sy Kitchen, Hula Girl, Lyn's BBQ, Furusato, and Kinpachi Restaurant. Games,

raffles, face painting and other activities are also being held each Saturday evening.

Revelers young and old are invited to final night of Christmas in the Marianas with the Welcome to the New Year celebration on Dec. 29 with dance and music entertainment from 6pm to 10pm.

Major sponsors are DO-COMO Pacific, DFS Galleria, Tan Siu Lin Foundation and Kinpachi Restaurant. The event is also supported by the Office of the Governor, First Lady's Vision Foundation, Women's Affairs Office, Division of Environmental Quality, the departments of Public Safety, Public Works, and Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Recreation, Koblerville Youth Learning Center, Public School System, KKMP, Power 99, and IT&E.







Man'amko spruce up with free makeover from IT&E

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

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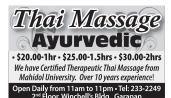
The last time Rose Sablan received pampering salon treatments was in September 2011, when her Hawaii-based son paid for a facial and hot bath therapy for her on her birthday.

"I like to take care of myself. It makes me feel good and look young," said the 75-year-old Sablan.

Sablan was among the estimated 50 congregates at the Aging Center who were spruced up yesterday after IT&E sponsored the "Happy Holidays Manamko' Beauty Makeover" for the island's elderly.

The seniors received free beauty services such as haircut, hair color, manicure and pedicure, nail art, and massage from beauticians working for different parlors on island: Trendz Salon's Maribel, Victor, Rosemarie, Sunshine, and Joan; ASKS Salon's Josie and Sharmaine; Manila de Salon's Beth; and Jethro De Guzman.

As she was getting her massage, Sablan said she would also avail of the free haircut, coloring, and just about any ser-



vice that is allowed for her age and health situation.

"It's a really generous treat from us. We really appreciate all the free treatments and services," she added.

Maria T. Salinas, president of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council, said that the signup sheet for the services was immediately filled as soon as they announced IT&E's generous and personalized contribution to the island's elderly.

"It's one of the very best gifts that anybody has given to us. It's certainly a great gift for the holidays," said Salinas, who availed of the massage treatment.

IT&E's Brad Ruszala said in an interview that the free beauty makeover was the idea of CNMI managing director Rose Soledad in an effort to give the *man'amko* something different from the ones they usually receive at Christmas time.

"The *man'amko* took care of everybody here for all these years, so this is really our opportunity to give back to them. Hopefully this holiday season, we can make them feel appreciated because they are," he said.

The senior citizens were



certainly in great spirits, with almost everyone saying that their new looks were in time for their Christmas party at the center today.

With the success of the makeover, Ruszala said they will be looking at sponsoring a makeover at least once a quarter.

"We love and respect our *man'amko* and we want to do something to make them feel as happy as they make us feel every day. We want them to know that they are being thought of not just during holidays," he added.

Thursday's event was heartening not only for the elderly but also for the beauticians who agreed to take part in the event at a "greatly reduced" cost as their way of giving back.

One of the beauticians, Sharmaine Casquero, said her participation was particularly meaningful because of her upcoming birthday on Dec. 22.

Casquero said she became emotional with her last customer, an 85-year old woman who reminded her so much of her grandmother in the Philippines.

"After we were finished with the makeover, everybody was just happy that they were even singing. It's so heartwarming knowing that we made their day," she told *Saipan Tribune*.





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review and approval, if necessary, of any such agreement, to the dean of Administration. Thereafter, the president did not participate in the process," said Markoff, adding that the college's procurement department gave written justification for the sole-source procurement and services, as required by NMC's procurement policies.

Among the allegations raised by the Faculty Senate against Hart was the hiring of her husband as the foundation's consultant.

Markoff said yesterday that West is known throughout the fundraising industry. As a prior chairman of the Board of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, a 5,000-(international) member organization, he is

a leader in the fundraising arena and is known worldwide.

"West has helped numerous organizations and non-profits over the years to raise millions of dollars. Having his talents here in the CNMI, and becoming aware of what he could bring to our foundation, was remarkable, to say the least," said Markoff, adding that it is extremely disappointing to see the issue surface in the media.

According to Markoff, "it was great to have Steve West, who is located on island, to conduct the personal interviews with key stakeholders in the community.'

All written deliverables and activities, he said, were performed in an exemplary manner. "I am thrilled with the results. The information Mr. West compiled for us will be extremely useful on the road ahead," he added.

Markoff said he also wants to

correct a Saipan Tribune article that stated that West was paid \$14,000 for a five-week contract. "In fact, he was paid that amount over a 10-week time period, as his contract required a substantial amount of work."

In an earlier interview with the Saipan Tribune Markoff said he expects West to accomplish his consultancy work in a five-week period.

According to Markoff, West was able to meet with a number of key community leaders for one-on-one interviews. He provided a final report that reviewed the fundraising efforts of the college over the years, the community interviews, an organization structure for the new foundation, fund development philosophies, a series of internal operations, public relations and then fundraising guidelines and activities to pursue. With these tools in

hand, he said the foundation can now begin to move forward to add qualified community leaders to the foundation board, to raise funds for the betterment of the college, and to especially help support the efforts of the faculty, staff, and students.

Faculty concerns

NMC Faculty Senate president Amanda Angel-Diaz reiterated yesterday the faculty members dissatisfaction with Hart's leadership and belied the president's statement that she was not made aware of the faculty's concerns and issues before the no-confident vote was issued last week. Diaz clarified in a letter Wednesday to all NMC stakeholders that that was not the case

"Despite what has been stated by President Hart in the media, Faculty Senate puts forth that

Tebuteb reminded the lawmakers that they are not sure about the actual amount involved in the court judgment in

made and that partial payment start and good faith efforts on the part of the legislators.

cut trees.

'Where's our priority? If you have money, give it to the bucket truck," he said.

introduce more amendments to

there have been numerous occasions when the President has been made aware of the concerns of the NMC Faculty, especially those that led to this vote of no-confidence. At the heart of these concerns is shared governance (or lack thereof) at NMC, which is not only an accreditation issue but the origin of the plethora of other college-wide concerns," Angel-Diaz stated her letter.

She said the "statement is meant to introduce how the president's agenda, from the start of her tenure, has been one to override the documented shared governance bodies of NMC and replace them with

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reports to the governor.

According to Demapan,

around 30 individuals applied

for the position, both from on-

and off-island. Of these appli-

cations, the governor narrowed

down the list to four whose

names were submitted to EPA.

"The Office of the Governor

submitted its recommended

Top 4 applicants to EPA. Now,

EPA should be reviewing the

four candidates to determine

who is best qualified to fill the

position of executive director.

The administration is current-

ly awaiting further communi-

cation from EPA," Demapan

said, without naming the top

a management team whose members consist of individuals directly answerable to the president herself, in order to obtain complete control over all decision-making at NMC."

According to Diaz, serious thought and consideration took place before the faculty held the no-confidence vote.

In the letter issued Wednesday, the faculty leader enumerated the many occasions they believe Hart ignored WASC's recommendations, which they say "illustrates a pattern of deceitfulness and dishonesty" that has instilled in the faculty a sense of no confidence in her leadership abilities.

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Some lawmakers followed and briefly talked with the Quituguas outside the building.

The delegation, chaired by Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (IR-Saipan), will resume its session today, Friday, at 9am to continue discussing the bill, H.L.B. 17-89, which seeks to appropriate \$200,344 for various projects in Precinct V, including partial payment for Ouitugua.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday afternoon that delegation members decided to amend the bill to give partial payment to Quitugua in the amount of \$76,144.

Tebuteb then called for a postponement on the vote for passage of the bill until the Office of the Attorney General provides more information about Quitugua's lawsuit. That's when Quitugua burst into tears.

Shortly after Tebuteb called for a recess before 12pm, a chamber in Chamorro to express her frustration. Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) and other lawmakers approached to com-

Quitugua's son, Elbert Quitugua, told Saipan Tribune that her mother has been begging the government for fairness for almost 28 years now. He accused the OAG of playing games and of dilatory tactics.

"She's not asking for the whole \$200,000. [Just] at least half of it," Elbert Quitugua said.

Luisa Quitugua has been seeking \$77,179 in court judgment, plus accrued interest, due her. Recently, the government paid her \$10,000.

In an interview, Tebuteb said they need more official information on what they are appro-

Tebuteb said that based on the OAG's information, there are about \$22 million pending judgments against the government. Those judgments range from land compensation to other lawsuits.

the court. In fact, they have a Jan. 3 hearing," the lawmaker pointed out.

H.L.B. 17-89, introduced by Rep. Ray Basa (Covenant-Saipan), seeks to re-appropriate Precinct 5 funding balance of \$200,344 for various projects for the precinct that covers Kagman, and parts of San Vicente, Kannat Tabla, and As Teo.

Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) introduced yesterday a floor amendment to the bill. Of the \$200,344 funding, Palacios moved to appropriate \$22,468 for the payment to Luisa Quitugua; \$128,908 for various projects in Precinct 5; and \$4,200 for the purchase of a mower for Saipan.

Palacios asked to remove the \$44,768 for the Saipan Call-A-Ride Transportation Services for people with disabilities and elderly.

Palacios also moved to reappropriate lapsed funds in the amount of \$31,905 and \$38,963 for the payment of Quitugua's case.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) said the issue of compensation has already been to Luisa Quitugua is a good

Cruz also requested to include in the appropriation bill funding for the Saipan Mayor's Office's bucket truck that is needed to

Basa objected to the bucket truck, saying the funding is for Precinct 5. "Don't use this money, my constituents are counting on me," said Basa, citing that Saipan lawmakers had just passed a local bill that gives \$15,000 for a basketball court.

candidates. Lawmakers then decided to He could not immediately

CUC already failed to meet EPA's deadline to name a new chief. CUC was given 150 days, or until Nov. 28 this year, to recruit a new executive director.

At the moment, Alan Fletcher, the agency's deputy director for water and wastewater, is serving as executive director in an acting capacity.

CUC is still under a state of emergency and is working to address the requirements of two stipulated orders.

Stipulated Order I requires CUC to create a new management and financial structure. It is related to CUC's inadequacy of providing potable drinking water and wastewater services.

Stipulated Order II involves the lack of infrastructure for safe fuel storage, handling and transfer facilities of the power generation facilities, and power





Marianas Health wraps up Toys for Tots toy drive

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Marianas Health Services on Wednesday turned over to Karidat Social Services several boxes of children's toys, successfully finishing off the annual Toys for Tots program.

Now comes the next part, which is to sort out the toys for distribution before Christmas. For that, Karidat needs volunteers who will help sort the toys and sponsors who will pay for the freight charges for spare toys that will be shipped to Tinian and Rota.

Maria Pangelinan, associate administrator for administrative services for Marianas Health Services, led four other staff in bringing the toys to the Karidat office in Chalan Kanoa. She said they did very well considering the limited time they had in soliciting toys.

The toys, ranging from dolls and sports equipment to cars and musical instruments, were donated by H.K. Pangelinan & Associates, Movlans Insurance, Paul Pangelinan-San Jose Court, Dolphin's Wholesale, McDonald's, Handbags,

etc., Saipan Health Clinic, St. Jude Renal Care Facility, National Office, Lollipops, Horizon, Pacifica Insurance, Ginen Saipan, Calvo's Insurance, IT&E, Modern Stationery, I Love Saipan, Yco Liberty Plaza, Shell Marianas, Vivian Cruz, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Transportation Security Administration, Guangdong, Marianas Health, LLC, Sagan Hinemlo' Clinic, and Pacific Wellness Center.

Other donors preferred to remain anonymous, organizers said.

The toys will be given away to children with ages ranging from a few months to 11 years old.

Pangelinan said the success of the toy drive, which only ran for less than two weeks, proves that there are still a lot of companies and individuals that know how hard it is to survive in today's economy yet are still willing to

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give or share what they have.

"It's a miracle, especially with the amount of gifts we got," she added.

Pangelinan said that part of the success is also the public's awareness of the wonderful job that Karidat has done in looking out for families in the community that are in need.

As early as now, Marianas Health Services has pledged to sponsor the Toys for Tots program for the third time, with plans to begin the toy drive as early as November "to get the mood and the spirit going."

Pangelinan said that they will look into expanding the program, soliciting not just for toys but other needs of disadvantaged children such as clothing.

Asked about her message to the beneficiaries of this year's Toys for Tots, Pangelinan said, "Whatever good tidings they receive, we hope that they turn around and give it back one way or another. If they can't give money, at least give it in kindness and in keeping our community safe and helpful."

Karidat executive director Angie V. Guerrero expressed appreciation to Marianas Health Services for taking on the toy drive challenge at the last minute.

"They were super in accepting the challenge. I'm thrilled and looking forward to having them again as a sponsor next year. They're a great group to work with," she told

Saipan Tribune.

Guerrero is calling on volunteers such as high school students in need of community service hours to help in sorting out the toys and matching them to children by gender and age.

The toys will then be tagged with the contact numbers of children, to be given to their parents who will be in charge of wrapping them, she said.

According to Guerrero, they aim to finish this by Friday since next Monday, Dec. 24, is already Christmas Eve and their office will only be open for half day.

She disclosed that based on their initial listing, over a hundred children on Saipan would receive the toys, and the or 6981

number may increase as they continue to receive calls from clients requesting for toys for their brood.

Guerrero said they would know within the week if there are any spare toys that could be sent out to Tinian and Rota. She noted that only their board representative from Tinian, Frances Diaz, has requested for toys.

Should there be extra toys for the two islands, the executive director said they will ask for help from lawmakers and other community members who are ready to take on the cost of transporting the toys.

To volunteer, visit Karidat in Chalan Kanoa or call 234-5248



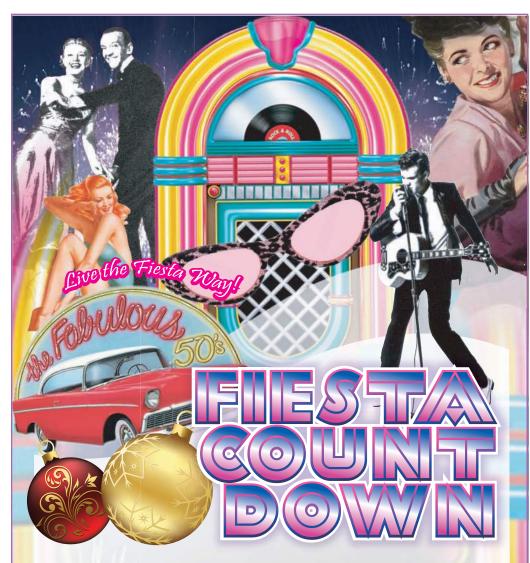




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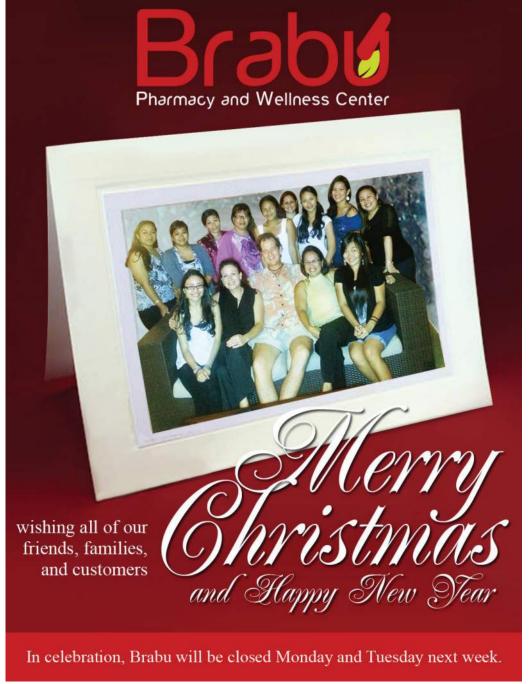
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FEC RECORDS ON 2012 DELEGATE CAMPAIGN

Kilili raised \$111K; Demapan had \$14K

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) raised \$111,137 for his 2012 re-election campaign, while his challenger, Dr. Ignacia "Acha" Demapan of the Republican Party, raised \$14,431, based on their campaign spending report submitted to the Federal Election Commission.

Sablan won by landslide during the Nov. 6 elections to serve a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The campaign finance report covers the period through Nov. 26, 2012.

Sablan's 2012 funding exceeded the \$86,103 that he

raised for the entire 2010 cam-

In his 2012 campaign, Sablan raised \$111,137 from itemized individual contributions, \$53,300; non-itemized individual contributions, \$20,450; other committees' contributions, \$36,808; and other receipts, \$579

Sablan's operating expenditures totaled \$93,590, and with ending cash on hand of \$38,633.

Demapan, meanwhile, raised \$14,431 in itemized and nonitemized individual contributions, party committees' contributions and candidate contributions. Unlike Sablan, Demapan didn't list the individual names of her campaign contributors.

Demapan's campaign spent \$14,452, exceeding by \$21 her campaign funding.

Sablan won the Nov. 6 delegate race with 9,829, or 79 percent of the votes cast—unparalleled in CNMI history. Demapan got only 2,503 votes.

Sablan is the CNMI's first and so far only nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. The first CNMI vote for delegate was in 2008, pursuant to a law that also placed CNMI immigration under federal control. Sablan is an independent caucusing with Democrats in the U.S. Congress.

In the CNMI local elections, only four of the estimated 80

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candidates in the Nov. 6 midterm polls filed their detailed campaign statement of account with the Office of the Public Auditor as of Dec. 11. OPA expects to receive a surge in the number of filings towards the Dec. 26 deadline.

OPA reminds all 2012 election candidates and political parties to file a mandatory complete, signed, dated and verified campaign statement of account by Dec. 26, or be subjected to a fine of up to \$100 per day for each day the statement is late.

Those required to file include winners and losers in the election, pursuant to Public Law 12-18 or the NMI Election Reform Act of 2000.



Dec. 21, 2000

OVR reports increase in job placements

The overwhelming rise in the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's performance rating for the year 2000 is significantly reflected in the enhanced management of its programs and services, noting a 180 percent increase in the effectiveness of its employment placements between 1999 and 2000. OVR Director Tee Abraham disclosed in a report that the VR agency has recorded a total of 28 employment placements during Fiscal Year 2000, 75 percent of whom are individuals with significant disabilities. The average hourly wage of clients who have landed jobs is \$5.19 versus last year's \$4.91 hourly average rate. This brings the consumers' 2000 average annual salary to \$10,795, comparable to wages earned by regular workers.

BOE seeks funds to upgrade system

The Board of Elections is hoping to receive some \$120,000 from the Legislature to buy electronic equipment that will scan ballots and get poll results faster than the manual counting that has been the practice eversince. BOE Executive Director Gregorio C. Sablan said he has been assured by lawmakers that they would appropriate the money in the FY 2001 budget so that his office could purchase it as soon as possible. Called the optical mark reader, the machine costs about \$50,000 and is manufactured by the Omahabased Electronic Software and System.

Dec. 21, 2001

Private evaluator's report eyed

The private evaluator tasked by Division of Procurement and Supply to give its findings as to which contractor should be awarded the multi-million dollar Marpi Solid Waste Facility submitted his recommendation to the division yesterday - a day ahead of the deadline. With the government rushing to close the Puerto Rico dumpsite, the ball is now in the hands of the division to make a quick determination based on the evaluation of the bids by consultant James Brucia, who held various auditing positions with the federal government. He was the regional audit manager of the US General Accounting Office. "We have an obligation...to determine whether to accept his conclusions or not," said Robert Florian, executive assistant of Procurement and Supply Director Herman Sablan.

Crisis dims prospects for Fund's Christmas wish

Retirement Fund legal counsel Kathleen Troy-Rucker has only one thing on her Christmas wish list: for the government to pay the Fund everything it owes. Barring that, she only hopes that the new administration has some ideas on how the government can generate the kind of revenue it needs to sustain operations. This comes amid reports that the \$206 million projected revenue for Fiscal Year 2002 may not be realized due to the continuing slide of the economy. Finance officials have been quoted as saying that revenue could fall between a high of \$190 million to as low \$170 million next year. When asked how this will affect the Fund, Troy-Rucker replied: "At this point, I really do not know. We have a signed agreement with the government that says that they will pay the \$500,000 bi-weekly because that's all that they can do right now and we hope that they will stick to that."

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Eucon gets permanent college license

Eucon International College has finally received its full license to operate a postsecondary institution in the Northern Marianas, after the State Board of Regents granted its application for a three-year permanent license. "The board unanimously approved our permanent license. We're very thankful that the board has voted in our favor," said Eucon academic programs dean Mike Johnston in an interview yesterday. He said the decision came after the board determined that the new college has met the BoR's conditions, which included the required expansion of the library, as well as hiring of qualified teaching staff.

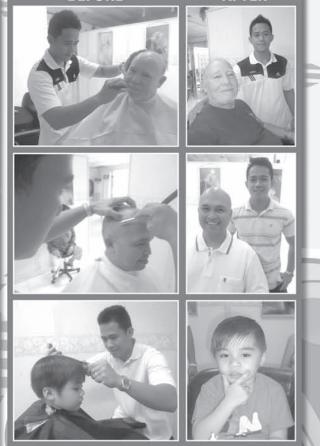
PSS seeks \$1.2M reading grant

The Public School System recently submitted an application for a \$1.2 million grant to boost the reading skills of upper elementary and junior high school students. The grant approval, according to the PSS, would be known in February 2003. Education officials said the grant is necessary to address the severity of the lack of reading skills and progress in reading among upper grade students. They said that latest SAT9 results indicate that 8th grade students were only in the 31 percentile level in reading, while the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students were in the 34 percentile level.

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EDITORIAL

Family planning and the Philippines

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday, Dec. 19:

or too long in the Philippine Congress, the priorities of the Roman Catholic Church took precedence over what most Filipinos wanted—and needed. Finally, after 14 years of debate and delay, lawmakers passed a bill that will provide free or subsidized birth control to poor people as well as require sex education in schools and mandate training in family planning for community health workers.

Even though 80 percent of the nation's population is Catholic, birth control has long been available to those who want it—as long as they could pay. Contraception has been out of reach for most of the poor, though. In a series of articles this year on population growth, *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Kenneth R. Weiss reported that half of the pregnancies in the Philippines are unintended and that impoverished parents struggle to stave off hunger in their large families. Abortion is illegal, though close to half a million abortions are believed to take place in the country each year.

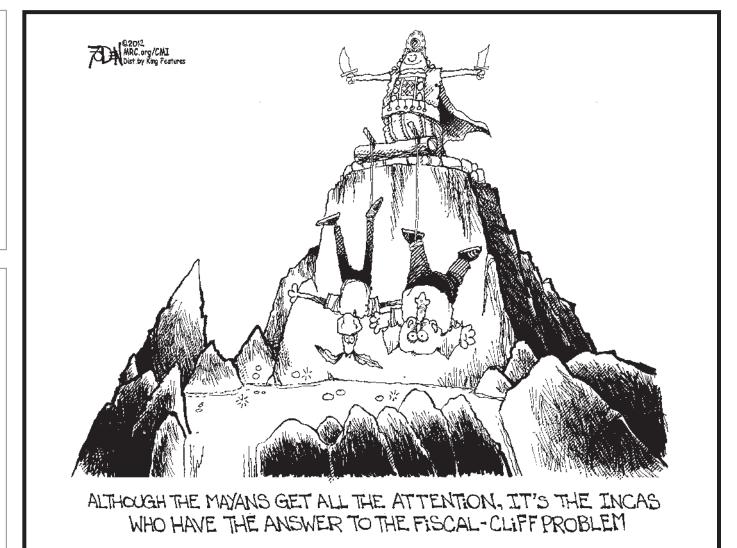
The Philippines has one of the fastest-growing populations in Asia, and is also one of the most densely populated countries. It cannot produce enough food to feed its 96 million people.

But the church hierarchy in the Philippines has up to now been successful at both the national and local levels, persuading many city officials not to allow contraceptives at community health clinics for the poor. One church leader has suggested that President Benigno Aquino III, who has pledged to sign the bill, could be excommunicated for his support. And soon before the vote in Congress, a church official said that Aquino's signature would be the moral equivalent of the recent killing of 20 elementary schoolchildren in Newtown, Conn., but multiplied many times because of all the children who would not be born if contraception were widely affordable to the poor.

Church leaders are, of course, entitled to their view-point, but it is the job of lawmakers to respond to the population's needs rather than to church doctrine. And birth control is one issue on which most of the nation differs with Roman Catholic teaching. More than 70 percent of Filipinos support the Reproductive Health Bill.

Church officials haven't given up; they are vowing to fight the bill in the Philippines Supreme Court and sermonize against it to their flocks. But the bill should go forward. The church has every right to try to persuade women to follow its dictates, but women must ultimately have the right to choose.

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outh Korea, erstwhile seat of Confucian patriarchy, took a radical turn when it elected Park Geun-hye to the country's presidential office. The daughter of the strongman Park Chung-hee who ruled as President for 18 years from 1961-79, and later assassinated by his own intelligence director, Park Geun-hye's second attempt at the presidential office finally succeeded.

Reportedly conservative compared to opponent Moon Jae-in, she nevertheless hold the support of the powerful U.S. commercial and military presence in the peninsula. (We note that the U.S. also is redefining itself when it elected African-American President Barrack Obama to a second term.)

A cursory glance at the parade of female government heads of state shows us Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner of Argentina, PM Julia of Australia, President Delma Rousseff of Brazil, PM Yingluck Shinawatra of Thailand, to name a few. Other countries with current elected and appointed female heads of state include Liberia, India, Bangladesh, Iceland, Lithuania, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago, Slovakia, Kosovo, Denmark, Switzerland, Jamaica, Mauritius, Serbia, and Malawi.

Korea's President-elect Park Geun-hye in September issued an apology for the human rights abuses committed under her father's regime, an unprecedented act in a country where many revere dictatorial antics like that of her father. Elected to the National Assembly in 1998, her first attempt at the presidential office in 2007 was thwarted by a party mate, the current President Lee Myung-bak.

An engineer by training, the 60-year-old lady is single and seen by family-oriented Korean society as a very private individual. Her campaign mirrored some of her more progressive opponent's program, to hold "national reconciliation" as a high priority, something that will be a daunting task in a culture thick with enshrined Hanggul machismo. Economic democracy and social welfare puts her in the same league as the new leaders of places like China, Japan, and the democracies of the Western world.

Redistributing wealth will not come easy as the country's huge conglomerates actually hold real power over and against the ritualized political rites parties periodically go through in the facades of public governance.

We first visited Korea in 1972 when Suwon was still an agricultural site of orchards and wheat an hour by freeway south of Seoul rather than the suburban bedroom of the current metropolis. The industrial transformation of the country is one of the heralded economic miracles of Asia, and the emergence of a self-sufficient, self-reliant, and self-confident domestic middle class has been the aim of its progressive forces. The global conglomerates had not always been party to this effort.

China's Mao Zedong, whose 119th birthday is remembered the day after Christmas, popularized the old, saying that "women hold

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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half of the sky." Better known as a woman's liberation slogan, it nevertheless goes against the grain of a society that prefers the male to the female in its progeny. The last census found 53 males to every 47 females in the country, and though there are female members of the Politburo and the ruling CPC's Central Committee, the *Gong Chang Dang* leadership remains predominantly male. The elite seven of the Standing Committee that implements the country's policies and runs its daily operation is decidedly all male!

In our Oral English class, we let students listen and repeat English words, including those committed to music. Melanie Munch of the German band Groove Coverage sings a light tune chronicling *God is a Girl*, a popular choice among both male and female students. A time within the 16-session semester is allotted for a group of four to decide on an English song they would sing in class. Mell's song always comes as a popular choice.

The choice does not come as an extension of the Western penchant for the battle of the sexes. It is rather an invitation to humanity's union. Though some read the traditional symbol of *taiji* as having the light side (*yang*=male) positioned clearly above the dark side (*yin*=female) to mean that the male of the specie lords it over the female, embedded in the tradition of naming offspring only from the father's clan rather than inclusive of the mother, the practice is being challenged by the less than docile posture of the newly empowered Chinese females.

As declared by outgoing President Wen Jiabao in his speech to the Royal Society of Britain in 2011, echoed by Premier Hu Jintao in his address to the CPC's founding anniversary a month later, China will be an "open and inclusive" society. That openness and inclusiveness tend to move further under the female watch more than that of the male.

We had earlier commented about the two new female senators of the chrysanthemum touch from my home State of Hawaii. We also carry fond memories of the famous Cory Aquino and challenging ones from the infamous Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former Presidents of the land of our birth. In all, we welcome the growing ascendancy of the female "holding half of the sky."

Congratulations Ms. Park Geun-hye!

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'Go to the ant, thou sluggard...'

ystopia simply means "where nothing works"; that fits conditions on the islands. The grand negligence and apathy gives us room to use our imagination quizzing, what do we do where leadership is nonexistent in a disastrous economy?

Do we manufacture, clone or hand them the latest fad in management, i.e., the One Minute Manager? But this would be forcing them into a corner to emulate others that removes them from their true north—another fad that misses the point. Just as I was ready to throw in the towel, I happened upon a proverb by Solomon about ants: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." May I present it verbatim:

"Ants are great teachers. There are things you can learn from ants that will help you succeed professionally more than your academic or technical education. Ants are diligent and prudent: diligent by working hard without coercion, and prudent by saving part of all production. These two basic necessities for success are generally neglected in modern societies, where pleasure is worshipped and deficit spending is encouraged.

"What is a sluggard? A person who is slow, lazy, and does not like to work hard. He is a pain to those trusting him. Diligent men will be but lazy men are losers.

"Sluggards are too arrogant to be taught, so Solomon mocked them with ants. If they were to watch ants for a few minutes, these haughty bums could learn success, for ants are much wiser than sluggards. A Harvard MBA is not as useful as what is taught in your yard everyday. But sluggards are too proud to learn from the small teacher.

"Sluggards stay in bed, for they love sleep. They have energy to turn over in bed, but not to get food to their mouths. They want things like others, but they do not want to work for them. Staying in bed is too nice! "Consider ants. If you get down in the grass and watch these little creatures, you quickly see wisdom and very useful habits. Ants do not

ystopia simply means "where nothing works"; that fits conditions on the islands. The grand negligence and about waking them in the morning or in the afternoon.

"They are always moving, quickly and energetically. They work efficiently. They work tirelessly. They do not stand around, sit around, or drag through their work. They work fast. They do not pace themselves to spread work out: they go right at a project and work hard until it is finished. They hustle! They will not quit until the job is done.

"They do not need supervision, for they get to work and find something to do. They do not have to be ordered or threatened. They do not have to be reminded frequently of what is expected. What a difference from the sluggard, who must always be prodded to get anything done. Ants have a conscience from God to work hard.

"When times are good, they work extra hard to store up for bad times; they do not take it easy because there is the appearance of plenty. They store surplus rather than eat it all. They deny themselves short-term pleasure for long-term prosperity. In their wisdom, they even bite off the ends of grain kernels to keep them from germinating in storage.

"They do not have union rules or selfish habits keeping them from helping others. If one is moving something too large for it alone, others will help him get it where it needs to be. They are committed to help the whole colony succeed. They are not selfish loners.

"They do not choose the easiest way or get discouraged if the job cannot be quickly finished. When facing difficulties, they energetically try again and again until they are successful. They will go great distances from home in order to find their food. They will get into houses, cars, and just about anything in order to find what they need. In essence, it's about integrity, humility, industriousness and mindfulness of one another's welfare as a community."

Have we trashed our once powerful sense of community?

By JOHN DELROSARIO Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Obamacare v. health premiums

Much has been said how Obamacare would adversely affect health insurance and its subsequent effects on receipt of healthcare. But we haven't seen anything concrete how Obamacare would affect Aetna recipients and whether there would be another increase in premiums at some point next year. In short, may I impose on our Washington Office to translate down to specifics how the new law would affect us out on the islands?

Key players in Washington are also trying to move U.S. Social Security's retirement age from 62 to 65 given the longevity of life for seniors across the country. Which brings an idea for the NMI Retirement Fund: Must not there be established a retirement age too so we control expenses we no longer could afford?

The key aspect in the age expansion is to reduce cost. Can't imagine the mess we're in for failing to take this issue and other equally deficient structural concerns so we can address them forthwith. In short, the younger the retiree, the more he collects, perhaps even beyond what he's contributed. Too, the Fund must only pay those who have contributed into it while eliminating perceptual members.

Standup comedian Craig Ferguson related, "A woman in Spain was arrested for stashing three pounds of cocaine in her breast implants. I thought, 'That's quite a bust."

Squared books and a yearly tale

hile you tally your profits (hopefully) for 2012, perhaps with a cup of eggnog to fortify yourself, I'm going to do some book-squaring of my own and then relate a favorite tale.

I'll start by offering some random notes for the book-squaring. Call it a yearend tidying up.

First of all, one of my recent missions has been to mention, mostly for the benefit of Saipan's more youthful set, some stuff I've interacted with in the learning realm. For example, in recent memory I've mentioned Mandarin studies, electronic flash cards, backyard astronomy, and, just last week, how I managed to learn a bit of computer programming thanks to a kindly algebra teacher.

Yes, I want to do more such stuff next year. No, I don't have a grand point to sell with that stuff. But if there is a minor theme at work, it's that the world is a mighty interesting place. And I found that I could learn about interesting stuff without somebody leading me around by the nose.

By contrast, I've never seen a passive approach to learning work very well. Anything I've learned was more a function of gumption than brains.

Secondly, related to last week's column in specific, one of my pals whose kid might head to a college course while still in high school asked if I felt snubbed by the college students I encountered during a programming course I mentioned.

And my answer is no. I was not snubbed at all. The college students had their own stuff to think about, their own socializing to do, their own circles to swim in. And I had my own circle with my high school pals; we were a lively, gregarious bunch and not studious at all. So I was on my best behavior around the college students, mak-

ing an extra effort to seem grown up and reverentially studious.

This may have been the only time I've acted grown up and reverentially studious, or reverentially anything, for that matter, so I relish the memory.

In summary, then, if your kid is going to jump into an older peer group for a course, I see nothing to worry about.

OK, here's another random item to tally: I'm still in the vacation goof-off mode, and I haven't answered most e-mail lately. Reader e-mail is the lifeblood of this column, but if I owe you a response please forgive my tardiness.

One last note: As for Saipan's economy, you'll notice I don't have much to say about it now. There is a reason for this, and it's something on a positive note, so this is a topic I'll tease for next year. Which is to say: Stay tuned.

OK, we've got the books squared away. Now I shall recount an old story (a fable, I guess you call it) that helps me re-center my attitude for each new year:

A father is trying to get some work done at home on a Sunday, but his young son is bored and restless and keeps pestering the father. Seeking something to occupy the kid, the father notices a page from the newspaper that features a large image of the earth on it.

So the father rips the page from the paper, then rips the page into a number of pieces, thus making a puzzle of it.

He gives the pieces to his son, and tells his son to put the puzzle together. He reckons that it will take the kid a good, long while to piece it all together.

But a scant five minutes later his son appears with the page, reassembled correctly.

"How did you do that so quickly?" asked the father.

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"Well, when I first looked at it, the world looked too complicated and too hard to piece together," said the son. "But then I noticed that on the opposite side of the page was a picture of a man. So I just assembled the man, then turned it over and gave it to you."

"That's pretty clever," said the father.

"Not really," said the son. "I just figured that when the man is right, the world is right."

Like all such ditties the payload lies in the simplicity. It's not designed to be a fully-comprehensive, philosophically-complete analysis of the world, or of the human condition, or of the sad fact that bad things do, indeed, happen to good people.

Still, the fact remains that, like a poker game, we can either play the cards we were dealt as best as we can play them, or we can just yell at the dealer.

As an issue of strategy, this serves to illustrate what I think is a very important element of strategy: recognizing that a decision is being made in the first place. Which is to say, people are going to choose one path or the other, even if they don't realize it at the time.

So, like all simple choices, it's so simple that many people never see it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No authority

Since when has the NMC faculty ever had the authority to do a no-confidence vote on their president? A no-confidence vote is normally exercised by a group of people who elected someone into a position. Thus a parliament can make such a vote on their prime minister because they elected him or her to that position. But we have here a group of teachers or professors who are generally hired by their president doing the job of their superior. Don't you think that the authority to make a confidence or no-confidence vote belongs to the NMC Board of Regents, who hired the president? This thing about the NMC faculty reminds me of an incident narrated in the Bible where people began to tell God what to do. Isaiah 29:16

says, "You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay; that the thing made should say of its maker, 'He did not make me' or the thing formed say of him who formed it. 'He has no understanding." The no-confidence vote seems to be just like that. The subordinate tells his superior that he has no confidence in her, where it should have been the reverse, i.e. the superior tells her subordinate that she has no confidence in him.

I have lived here long enough to observe and to remember how many NMC presidents failed to complete their contractual terms of office. Each time it happened, the faculty had something to do with it. As long as the faculty expects the president to be popular with them, the best interest of NMC is defeated. It happened before and it is happening now.

Reynaldo O. Yana Susupe, Saipan

It is my civic duty!

This is in response to the *Marianas Variety* article dated Dec. 19, 2012, stating that I, Joey Quitugua, may not be interested in returning back to my island to serve the people of Rota and the CNMI as their senator in the event of the unsolicited outcome of Sen. Ayuyu's ordeal. In no way will I deny my people my services. I owe this service to the many constituents who worked hard with me throughout the 2009 election season. I will forever be thankful. I do not know who or where the *Marianas Variety* gets its information from; apparently their sources are not very reliable. I would like to request for Mr. Erediano to correct his statement. It is my civic duty to serve my people, an obligation that I have always been willing to undertake from the very first day I decided to run for public office.

Joey Anthony Quitugua

Boise, Idaho

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Tropical Blendz offer diners a healthier option

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Healthy and nourishing food and drinks are now readily available on Saipan with the recent opening of Tropical Blendz Juice Bar + Vegetarian Dishes.

Conveniently located along Middle Road in Garapan, Tropical Blendz had its soft opening last month and has seen a steady growth in its number of customers.

Tropical Blendz, which will have its grand opening early next year, was born out of a desire to promote positive lifestyle changes through healthy eating on an island where the incidence of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases are on the rise.

"Our principle is the delivery of food that makes people feel good, energized and detoxified," owners Oxana Chekoldina and Sandy Weaver said.

A native of Russia, Chekoldina immigrated to Canada where she opened her first healthy restaurant venture called Sejuiced, voted as one of the leading vegetarian restaurants in the area.

Chekoldina, who also lived in Japan for several years, came to Saipan for a diving course and has been coming back to the island where she met with Weaver who grew up on Saipan and studied hotel business and management in Austria.

Both are driven by their common passion to encourage healthy eating within the community, thus the motivation to have a place where people are assured of fresh, nutritious, and high-quality selections.

Tropical Blendz has for breakfast and lunch an array of healthy and delicious food and drink choices that are all fresh and natural, made with only the finest and wholesome ingredients.

"We don't use any chemicals or bad substances that might be harmful for your body. We make everything from scratch," added the very hands-on owners. Chekoldina oversees the kitchen while Weaver takes care of the bar and dining areas to ensure that customers receive the best service.

Tropical Blendz offers up to four daily specials that vary every day, served with soup or salad, and are priced under \$9.

The place also serves an assortment of rice bowls prepared using the healthier option of brown rice; sandwich wraps, paninis, and falafel; and veggie burgers that give meat lovers a run for their money.

Tropical Blendz is also the only place on island that offers fresh fruit and vegetable juices as well as tasty organic smoothies, making use of the wide range of locally grown agricultural products.

Try their bestselling smoothie "Exotica," made of blended mango, banana, vanilla, coconut milk, nutmeg, and their homemade almond or coconut milk for just \$5 for a 16 oz. Tropical

Blendz also prides itself in being environment-friendly since they give discounts to customers who bring their own cups when buying their drinks.

At Tropical Blendz, they also serve organic coffee, healthy shots good for detoxification such as fresh noni and wheatgrass, and powershakes or allnatural protein shakes for your needed boost of energy before or after workout.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, Tropical Blendz has freshly baked muffins, cakes, and other desserts that are gluten and sugar-free. Soon, they will introduce in their sweets Lakanto, the no-calorie and zero-glycemic index sugar substitute for



persons with diabetes.

Business has been good for Tropical Blendz since it opened mid-November, accommodating dine-in customers inside its quaint space across from Garapan Central Park and those who are on the go through their takeout counter.

Patrons also get free WiFi and enough parking space up front and on the side.

Tropical Blendz owners are already looking at future plans for the business, which include expanding hours and menu to contain healthy snacks and main courses that cater specifically to children; creating a health plan for diabetes patients,

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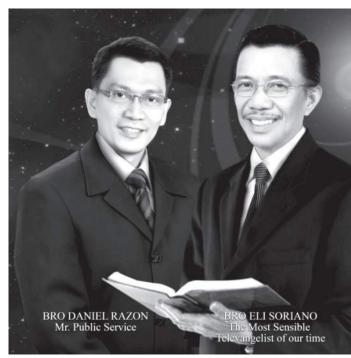


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On Dec. 18, 2012, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial met with key leaders of local banks and finance companies to discuss the State Small Business Credit Initiative Program funded by the U.S. Treasury through the Department of Commerce.

Participants in the meeting included Bank of the FSM via teleconference, Bank of Saipan, Bank of Hawaii, Commonwealth Development Authority, First Hawaiian Bank, City Trust Bank, Independence Bank, Bank of Guam, and BankPacific, and the two finance companies were Bridge Capital LLC and Century Finance.

Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar welcomed participants and reiterated Fitial's support of the U.S. Treasury program to lend funds for business startups, expansion, buyouts, etc.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH

EUGENE R. CLOTHIER

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Eugene R, and Mona M.T. Clothier in the Tollowing described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction

Tract 22089-2 (Part of Tract 22089, AH 238-77), containing an area of 29, 092 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3005/89, the original of which was recorded 1 Jan 89 as Document No. 89-0164 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, January 11, 2013, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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- Bids Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that bighest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
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- Inspection and No Warranty, Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Eugene R. and Mona M.T. Clothier in the property are being sold "AS Is" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

/s/ANICETO T. OGUMORO, Acting Commissio Department of Public Safety

Admin meets with banks, financiers on SSBCI program

"I applaud all the bank heads' presence here as indicative of our efforts to work together to get this program off the ground. As this is a new lending program, I encourage our local entrepreneurs to take advantage of these funds and talk to your banker." stated Igisomar. "Once we get at least one bank to champion this program, we will

economy." The U.S. Treasury awarded \$13 million to the CNMI through the SSBCI for the Collateral Support and Loan Purchase Participation programs.

be able to disburse funds in our

Under the Collateral Sup-

port, if a qualified borrower is short on collateral, the program is able to provide funding up to 40 percent of the shortfall in cash to the bank. For example, if borrower A applies for a loan of \$100,000 from a bank but the bank needs at least 40 percent collateral and the borrower is unable to provide such amount, then the Collateral Support Program has the flexibility to kick in that 40 percent or \$40,000 shortage in cash as collateral support.

For the Loan Purchase Participation Program, if borrower B applies for a loan of \$100,000 the program has the flexibility to purchase up to 50 percent or \$50,000 of that loan in cash.

"This is a new program that will benefit entrepreneurs and job growth, and I encourage the banks to participate. Start out with one loan and work forward as the program succeeds," said Fitial.

"We are ready to implement the lending agreements with the banks as this is a lender driven program. This is a win-win situation for borrowers, the banks, and the government's efforts to stimulate economic and job and the bank wants to book this growth," added Commonwealth *Governor*)

loan under the SSBCI program, Development Authority director Manuel Sablan.

> The \$13 million was awarded in three tranches. The first tranche is \$4 million and is ready to be disbursed. Once 80 percent of that amount is disbursed in loans, then the Department of Commerce can drawdown the second tranche, and so forth.

> Igisomar closed the meeting and highly encouraged the banks and finance companies to participate in the program.

"Otherwise, we will have to return the funds to the U.S. Treasury," said Igisomar. "Talk to your bank." (Office of the

warns of dangerous waves, high surf

The Emergency Management Office issued yesterday high surf and small craft advisories, saying a rising east

swell and wind waves will

produce hazardous surf along east and north facing reefs in the next few days.

The high surf advisory is in effect until 6am Sunday. The until 6am Monday.

According to EMO, surf will build to 11 to 13 feet along east facing reefs today. Along north

small craft advisory is in effect facing reefs, surf will build to 8 to 10 feet today. Surf will remain hazardous along east and north facing reefs through at least Saturday.

> Seas 10 feet or greater and sustained winds of 22 knots or more are expected to produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft. East to northeast winds at 20 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to 35 knots are expected through Sunday.

> Combined seas will rise and build further to 11 to 13 feet today and 12 to 14 feet tonight. Highest seas will be in the southern Guam waters.

> EMO is advising the general public, boaters, and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. (EMO)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

NI mayor's staff sets cleanup

Motorists are being cautioned that the staff of the Northern Islands Mayor will be conducting a group cleanup at the traffic intersection of Middle Road Garapan in front of Garapan Happy Market II this Saturday, Dec. 22 , 2012, starting at 6am.

The Northern Islands Mayor's office has adopted this area under the Adopt A Place program with the office of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

"Your caution and cooperation on this day is greatly appreciated," said Saipan Municipal Council chair

Ramon B. Camacho. (PR)

Farmer's Market revised schedule

This is to inform the general public that the Tuesday Farmer's Market normally scheduled on Dec.25, 2012 and Jan. 1, 2013 shall be moved to Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, Christmas Eve, and Dec. 31, 2012, New Year's Eve.

Regular schedule for Tuesday Farmer's Market shall resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, after the holidays. (PR)



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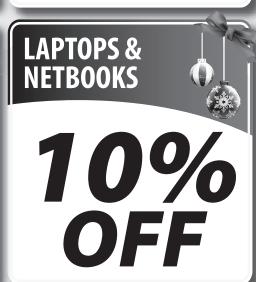
























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UFO fund drive for PH typhoon relief raises \$1.5K

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com

The United Filipino Organization doubled its initial collection for the Super Typhoon Pablo

victims of the disaster would receive aid from the Saipan community this holiday season.

UFO president Bong Malasarte said yesterday that the weeklong

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fund drive, ensuring that more fund drive, which concluded during the Paskong Pinoy event last Saturday, collected some \$1,200 from the public.

> Malasarte said that UFO decided to make a donation as



Saipan, MP 96950 "Together We Can Build A Future"

Officers and members of the United Filipino Organization smile for the camera at their booth where they received donations to help the victims of Super Typhoon Pablo (International name Bopha) during the Paskong Pinoy 2012 event held last Dec. 15 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The staff and management of OVR will hold its **ANNUAL WELLNESS & REHABILITATION DAY**

Today, December 21, 2012 from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

As a result of this planned activity, the offices will be closed. Thank you all in advance for your understanding and support.

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well, bringing the total amount for the fund drive to \$1,500.

He said a check has already been issued and will be sent to UFO members Boy Ching, Ed Reyes, and Leo Canedo who are currently in Manila. The three will present the donation to the Philippine Red Cross in the next few days, added Malasarte.

He said UFO is pleased with the success of the fund drive,

having exceeded its target col- UFO is very happy knowing lection of \$1,000.

The fund drive aimed to help relief efforts for the victims of Super Typhoon Pablo, which hammered southern Philippines, killing over a thousand and with over 800 still missing.

Malasarte expressed appreciation to all those who contributed to the fund drive. "With Christmas fast approaching,

that we were instrumental in providing help to our kababayans in Mindanao. We hope that through the donations given by people from Saipan, we would be able to make the victims forget what they have gone through even for just a while and give them reason to keep their faith and hope this holiday season," he said.

Santa Soledad Parish goes online

Responding to the call of the Holy Father to engage in the new evangelization and in celebration of the Year of Faith, Santa Soledad Parish is leading the way with the unveiling of its own website, www.santasoledarparish.com.

Santa Soledad Parish, located in Kagman, becomes the first parish and second only to North Star/Diocese of Chalan Kanoa to go online, said Rev. Fr. Isaac M. Ayuyu, pastor for Santa Soledad.

"This is another way for our parishioners and the faithful to keep in touch with their Parish website will be linked

parish church, not only to be informed of the events of the church but most importantly to be educated about their faith," explained Avuvu.

He added, "With the onset of technology, it spurs the ability and immerses everyone to adopt and embrace new ways, the right way— and what this means to us is that many more will be able to find the Catholic Church's teachings and activities on their laptops, personal computers, smartphones and tablets."

The new Santa Soledad

to the North Star/Diocese of Chalan Kanoa website, www. dioceseofchalankanoa.com.

The website captures Santa Soledad Parish's activities and teachings this year in articles, photos, and videos.

Parishioners can also find links of the teachings of the Catholic Church for their personal growth and education of the teachings of the Catholic faith.

The website has been designed to be user-friendly, allowing anyone to make appointments and schedules for baptisms, weddings, confessions, and special intentions. The website also shows a wide array of worship, fellowship, and service opportunities.

You can also directly email Ayuyu, with a special designed link where you can leave a message on the interface (homepage).

The renewed call by the Holy Father, through the Year of Faith "to rediscover the joy of (relearning their faith and) believing and the enthusiasm for communicating faith" has allowed Santa Soledad Parish to look for innovative ways to bring the Catholic faith closer to the Church's teachings.

The works to create a new website began early this year, with Ayuyu himself personally overseeing the site construction.

"This is just humbling for our parishioners and for the Catholic faith, as a whole, that we continue to reflect on the importance of the church's teachings and how we grow as a community of faith using new ways and mediums," explained Ayuyu. "Please feel free to read more about our church on our new website, or come in for a visit." (Santa Soledad Parish, Kagman)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Palau President to visit Saipan

This is to inform and invite all Palauans residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., will host an appreciation party on Dec. 27, 2012, Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, from 6:30pm to 11pm, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan, Saipan. Please come and meet our new President. Call Eileen Kintol at 288-7538 for more details. (*PR*)

OVR office closed today

The staff and management of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will be holding its annual Wellness & Rehabilitation workshop today, Dec. 21, from 7:30am to 4:30pm. As a result of this planned activity, the office will be closed. *(PR)*

Green Meadows to host free variety show

In culmination of their 10th anniversary celebration and to express their gratitude for the continued support of the community, the management, staff and students of Green Meadow School and Keynotes School of Music will hold a musical concert/variety show this Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at the Royal Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort, from 6pm to 8:30pm. There will be a special

participation by the Marianas High School Rhythm, Rose Dance School, and Saipan Music & Dance Studio. Music teachers from Keynotes School of Music have prepared special numbers. Admission is free. (PR)

Volunteers sought for Kagman after-school program

The Kagman Community Center wants to run an after-school program starting Jan. 7, 2013. It will open rooms for those who want to do homework, read books and study intensively. The center is inviting educators, students, and parents to join this movement. Cer-

tificates of volunteerism will be issued to the high school or college students who will help the kids. For more information, contact Daniel Huh at 285-2221 or kagmancommunity@gmail.com. (PR)

Keynotes School to host free concert

The Keynotes School of Music will be holding its Christmas and 10th anniversary celebration with a concert at the Saipan World Resort on Saturday, Dec. 22. There is no charge for admission to the concert. *(PR)*

NMC official on Marianas Agupa

Marianas Agupa will feature

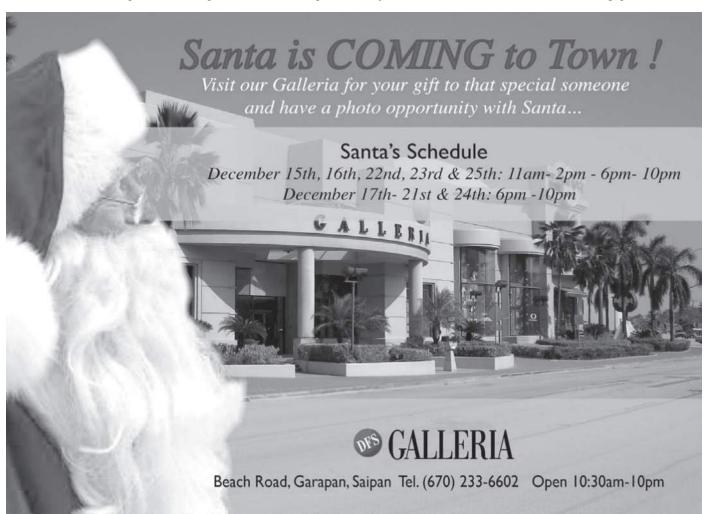
David Attao, dean of Administration, this Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, between 10am and 10:30am to talk about the issues surrounding the Northern Marianas College, its mission statement, accreditation status, and the recent no-confidence vote of its president by the NMC faculty.

The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show: direct to studio at 234-5929 or use instant messaging via Marianas Agupa's Facebook account.

The Chamorro radio talk show is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with former mayor Joseph S. Inos, Thomas D. Mendiola, and David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio. com will be available. For more information, contact Manglona at 287-4536. (PR)

Weatherization applications now available

The Weatherization Assistance Program for Low Income Families began its program effective Dec. 1, 2012. WAP applications are available at the Energy Division Office On Capital Hill, building #1337 or by accessing it via the Energy website at: www.cnmienergy. com under Weatherization Assistance Program applications. If you have any questions regarding the program, contact program manager Lorraine M. Seman or Eugene C. Borja, auditor, at 664-4481. (PR)





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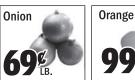




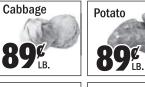




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Cleaning Services for NMHC's Central Office in Saipan

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the Cleaning Services for NMHC's Central Office in

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Monday, December 3, 2012, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Central Office on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour NMHC's Central Office that will be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference is considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. Inquiries regarding this solicitation must be addressed in writing to the NMHC's Corporate Director, Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, at P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2012.

Sealed bids must be marked NMHC-IFB 2012-011. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than 10:00 a.m., local time Friday, December 28, 2012. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, December 28, 2012, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Friday, December 28, 2012, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than Monday, January 7, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 8:00 a.m., local time, Tuesday, January 8, 2013. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time on Friday, December 28, 2012.

All labor on this project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of \$5.55 per hour which took effect on October 1, 2012 as established by Federal law including subsequent increases of \$.50 per hour as announced by the U.S. Department of Labor and/or the CNMI Department of Labor, whichever is higher.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small, minority businesses and women's business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the successful bidder to the "maximum extent feasible", take affirmative steps to provide training, contracting and employment opportunities and help ensure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents in

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference," as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC. The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined to be in its best interest. All bids received shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS Corporate Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

Business

Obama, Boehner clash as cliff edge approaches

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fiscal cliff talks at a partisan standoff, President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner swapped barbed political charges on Wednesday yet carefully left room for further negotiations on an elusive deal to head off year-end tax increases and spending cuts that threaten the national economy.

Republicans should "peel off the war paint" and take the deal he's offering, Obama said sharply at the White House. He buttressed his case by noting he had won re-election with a call for higher taxes on the wealthy, then added pointedly that the nation aches for conciliation, not a contest of ideologies, after last week's mass murder at a Connecticut elementary school.

But he drew a quick retort from Boehner when the White House threatened to veto a fallback bill drafted by House Republicans that would prevent tax increases for all but milliondollar earners. The president will bear responsibility for "the largest tax increase in history" if he makes good on that threat, the Ohio Republican declared.

In fact, it's unlikely the legislation will get that far as divided government careens into the final few days of a struggle that affects the pocketbooks of millions and with deep political mistrust.

Boehner expressed confidence the Republicans' narrow so-called Plan B bill would clear the House on Thursday despite opposition from some conservative, anti-tax dissidents, but a cold reception awaits in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

As for a broader agreement, officials said there had been little if any progress toward closing the gap between the two sides in the past two days, even though aides to the president and Boehner have remained in contact.

On paper, the two sides are relatively close to an agreement on major issues, each having offered concessions in an intensive round of talks that began late last week.

But political considerations are substantial, particularly for Republicans.

After two decades of resolutely opposing any tax increases, Boehner is seeking votes from fellow Republicans for legislation that tacitly lets rates rise on million-dollar income tax filers. The measure would raise revenue by slightly more than \$300 billion over a decade than if all of the Bush-era tax cuts remained in effect.

But Boehner's office trumpeted another figure—an es-

blends lasting policy differences timate that claimed it would amount to a tax cut of nearly \$4 trillion compared with what would happen if all those tax cuts were to expire as scheduled with the turn of the year.

> Similarly, despite vehement protests that the looming acrossthe-board spending cuts would seriously affect the Pentagon, the leadership's fallback bill does nothing to blunt or eliminate the reductions scheduled to begin on Jan. 1

> Boehner won a letter of cramped support from anti-tax activist Grover Norquist during the day. Norquist's organization, Americans For Tax Reform, issued a statement saying it will not consider a vote for the bill a violation of a no-tax-increase pledge that many Republicans have signed.

But another conservative group came to an opposing conclusion. "Allowing a tax increase to hit a certain segment of Americans and small businesses is not a solution; it is a political ploy," said the Heritage Foundation said in a statement.

As for the scheduled defense cuts, Rep. C.W. (Bill) Young of Florida, who heads the House panel with jurisdiction over the Pentagon's budget, said he is undecided how to vote on the legislation.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-004



BEACH ROAD/TUN SEGUNDO TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Beach Road/Tun Segundo Traffic Signal System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **December 21, 2012** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. However, the local Business Preference is not available because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on <u>January 9, 2013</u>, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room Gualo Rai Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on <u>January 23, 2013</u> to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or for the control of the project of the

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for darification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "<u>DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-004"</u>. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time <u>January 29, 2013</u>. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time <u>January 29, 2013</u>, and must be transmitted via facsimitted via facsimited to fo?0) 664–1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticon.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than January 29, 2013 and must be received no later than February 7, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, February 12, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on February 1, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMITreasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ VICENTE B. CASTRO

/s/ HERMAN S SARI AN



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-003

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES



FOR THE CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE III, SAIPAN, CM-NH-0031(016)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering companies for the Construction Management Services for the Cross Island Road Improvements, Phase III, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is **not available** because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after <u>December 7, 2012</u> at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building Highway Office Saipan.

A **mandatory** Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **December 27, 2012**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no latér than 4:30 p.m. local time January 14, 2013.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored bases on the following criteria:

- Company Background and Qualifications (5 pages maximum each company) **25%**Qualifications of Team or assigned personnel and organizational structure (5 pages combined maximum) **30%**Past Experience of team and/or assigned personnel on projects successfully completed of similar size and scope (10 pages
- combined maximum) 25% Current Workload of Firm (5 pages maximum) 20%

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-003". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, <u>January 17, 2013</u>. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, <u>January 17, 2013</u> and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than January 17, 2013 and must be received no later than January 29, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified Architect-Engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of leral Aquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government

Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director of Procurement & Supply

Nation

Obama to send Congress gun proposals in January

claring the time for action overdue, President Barack Obama promised on Wednesday to send Congress broad proposals in January for tightening gun laws and curbing violence after last week's schoolhouse massacre in Connecticut.

Even before those proposals are drafted, Obama pressed lawmakers to reinstate a ban on military-style assault weapons, close loopholes that allow gun buyers to skirt background checks and restrict high-capacity ammunition clips.

"The fact that this problem is complex can no longer be an excuse for doing nothing," Obama said in his most detailed comments on guns since Friday's killing of 20 schoolchildren and six adults in Newtown, Conn. "The fact that we can't prevent every act of violence doesn't mean we can't steadily reduce the violence?

Gun control measures have faced fierce resistance in Congress for years but that may be changing now because of last week's violence. Since then, Obama has signaled for the first time in his presidency that he's willing to spend political capital on the issue and some prominent gun-rights advocates on Capitol Hill—Democrats and Republicans alike—have expressed willingness to consider new measures.

Still, given the long history of opposition to tighter gun laws, there is no certainty the legislation Obama backed Wednesday or the proposals he will send to Congress next month will become law.

Obama tasked Vice President Joe Biden, a longtime gun control advocate, with overseeing the administration-wide process to create those proposals. Beyond firearms' restrictions, officials will also look for ways to increase mental health resources and consider steps to keep society from glamorizing guns and violence.

Obama's January deadline underscores the desire among White House officials to respond swiftly to the Newtown shooting. Obama aides worry that as the shock of the shooting fades, so, too, will the prospects that pro-gun lawmakers will work with the White House to

"I would hope that our memories aren't so short that what we saw in Newtown isn't lingering with us, that we don't remain passionate about it only a month later," said Obama. He pledged to talk about gun violence in his State of the Union address.

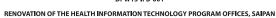
Emphasizing the need to take action, Obama said eight people have been killed by guns across the U.S. since the Newtown shooting. Among them were a 4-year-old boy and three law enforcement officers.

The president has called for a national dialogue on gun violence before, after other mass shootings during his presidency. But his rhetoric has not been backed up with concrete action. And some of the gun measures Obama has signed lessened restrictions on guns, allowing people to carry concealed weapons in national parks and in checked bags on Amtrak trains

The president bristled at suggestions that he had been silent on gun issues during his four years in office. But he acknowledged that the Newtown shooting had been "a wake-up call for all of us."



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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of the Health Information Technology Program Offices, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after December 14, 2012 at DPW Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procuredures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permannent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further Amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if perference is claimed.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference for this project on January 03, 2013, 1:30 p.m. local time at the CHC Gift Shop at Old CHC Building. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submetted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on January 08, 2013 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Sajapon or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidshall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill,

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9328/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW13-IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Salpan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time January 17, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time January 17, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pictom.com, For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than January 17, 2013 and must be received no later than January 28, 2013 Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, January 29, 2013 However, if no notices of

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, in certified check, Cashier's Check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC)

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/VICENTE B. CASTRO

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN

One by one, shattered Newtown buries its dead

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP)— One by one by one, each with fresh heartbreak, hearses crisscrossed two New England towns on Wednesday, bearing three tiny victims of the Sandy Hook school massacre and a heroic teacher in a seemingly never-ending series of funeral processions.

"The first few days, all you heard were helicopters," said Dr. Joseph Young, an optometrist who attended one funeral and would go to several more. "Now at my office all I hear is the rumble of motorcycle escorts and funeral processions going back and forth throughout the day."

As more victims from the slaughter of 20 children and six adults were laid to rest, long funeral processions clogged the streets of Newtown, where Christmas trees were turned into memorials and a season that should be a time of joy was marked by heartwrenching loss.

At least nine funerals and wakes were held on Wednesday for those who died when gunman Adam Lanza, armed with a military-style assault rifle, broke into the school last Friday and opened fire on their classrooms. Lanza also killed his mother at her home before committing suicide.

At St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, mourners arrived for Caroline Previdi, an auburnhaired 6-year-old with an impish smile, before the service had even ended for Daniel Barden, a 7-year-old who dreamed of being a firefighter.

"It's sad to see the little coffins," said the Rev. John Inserra, a Catholic priest who worked at St. Rose for years before transferring to a church in Greenwich. He returned to his old parish to comfort families wondering how a loving God could permit such carnage, and has attended several of the funerals.

"It's always hard to bury a child," Inserra said of the seemingly unrelenting cycle of sorrow and loss. "But these are important moments, an opportunity to come together, to remember that we have new angels in heaven."

Hundreds of firefighters formed a long blue line outside the church for little Daniel's funeral. Two of his relatives work at the Fire Department of New York, and the gap-toothed redhead had wanted to join their ranks one day.

"If me being here helps this family or this community just a little bit, it's worth it," said Kevin Morrow, a New York firefighter and father of two young girls. "He wanted to be a firefighter, as any young boy wants to be."

Family friend Laura Stamberg of New Paltz, N.Y., whose husband plays in a band with Daniel's father, said that on the

morning of the shooting Mark Barden taught his son to play a Christmas song on the piano.

"They played foosball and then he taught him the song and then he walked him to the bus and that was their last morning together," Stamberg said.

At Caroline's funeral, mourners wore pink ties and scarves—her favorite color-and remembered her as a Yankees fan who liked to kid around. "Silly Caroline" was how she was known to neighbor Karen Dryer. "She's just a girl that was always smiling, always

wanting others to smile."

Across town, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, hundreds gathered for the funeral of Charlotte Helen Bacon, many wearing buttons picturing the 6-year-old redhead. Speakers, including her grandfather, told

of her love of wild animals, the family's golden retriever and the color pink. She was "a beautiful little girl who could be a bit stubborn at times—just like all children," said Danbury resident Linda Clark as she left the service.



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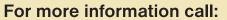






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Asia

SKorea's 1st woman leader vows new NKorea effort

Park Geun-hye, daughter of a divisive military strongman from South Korea's authoritarian era, was elected the country's first female president Wednesday, a landmark win that could mean a new drive to start talks with rival North Korea. After five years of high tension under unpopular incumbent Lee Myung-bak (Lee Myuhng Bahk), Park has vowed to pursue engagement and step up aid to North Korea, despite the latter's widely condemned longrange rocket launch last week.

North Korean state media, however, have repeatedly questioned the sincerity of Park's



and Lee are from the same conservative party.

Ties between the Koreas plummeted during Lee's term. Many voters believe Lee's policies drove North Korea to renew nuclear and missile tests and to launch two attacks in 2010 that killed 50 Koreans.

The rocket launch made North Korea an issue in the closing days of campaigning, although many voters said they cared more about the economy.

Park (Bahk guhn-hae) has said she is open to dialogue with North Korea, but she has also called on Pyongyang to show progress in nuclear dismantlement. She has also raised the possibility of

a meeting with North Korean Park said that she would dedicate leader Kim Jong Un, but only if it's "an honest dialogue on issues of mutual concern."

Huge crowds lined up in frigid weather throughout the day to choose between Park and liberal candidate Moon Jae-in (Moon Jay-in), the son of North Korean refugees. Both candidates steered away from Lee's policies, including, most strikingly, his hard-line stance on North Korea.

Turnout was the highest in 15 years, and some analysts thought that might lift Moon, who is more popular with younger voters. Despite moving to the center, however, Park was carried by her conservative base of mainly older voters.

They fondly remember her father, Park Chung-hee, dictator for 18 years until his intelligence chief killed him during a drinking party in 1979.

Much of 60-year-old Park's public persona is built on her close association with her father's rule. When she was 22 her mother died in a botched attempt to assassinate her father, and she stood in as first lady for five years until her father's death.

She has created an image as a selfless daughter of Korea, never married, then a female lawmaker in a male-dominated political world.

After Moon conceded defeat,

herself to uniting her people and improving their livelihoods.

"I really thank you. This election is the people's victory," Park told a crowd packing a Seoul plaza.

With about 98 percent of votes counted, Park had won 51.6 percent to Moon's 47.9 percent, according to the staterun National Election Commission. Park is to take office in February when Lee ends his single five-year term.

No Korean woman is believed to have ruled since the ninth century. Park becomes the most powerful figure in a country where many women earn less than men and are trapped in low-paying jobs despite first-class educations.

Her father's legacy is both an asset and a weak spot. Older South Koreans may revere his austere economic policies and tough line against North Korea, but he's also remembered with loathing for his treatment of opponents, including claims of torture and summary executions.

Park's win means that South Korean voters believe she would evoke her father's strong charisma as president and settle the country's economic and security woes, according to Chung Jin-young, a political scientist at Kyung Hee University in South Korea.



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ASIAN BRIEFS

UN suspends polio drive in Pakistan after killings

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—The United Nations suspended its polio vaccination drive in Pakistan on Wednesday after eight people involved in the effort were shot dead in the past two days, a U.N. official said. The suspension was a grave blow to the drive to bring an end to the scourge of polio in Pakistan, one of only three countries where the crippling disease still survives. On Wednesday, gunmen shot at a woman working on the campaign in northwest Pakistan, killing her and her driver, one of five attacks during the day on polio workers. A male polio immunization worker was critically wounded in one of the shootings.

Outrage grows in India over gang-rape on bus

NEW DELHI (AP)—The hours-long gang-rape and near-fatal beating of a 23-year-old student on a bus in New Delhi triggered outrage and anger across the country Wednesday as Indians demanded action from authorities who have long ignored persistent violence and harassment against women. In the streets and in Parliament, calls rose for stringent and swift punishment against those attacking women, including a proposal to make rapists eligible for the death penalty. As the calls for action grew louder, two more gang-rapes were reported, including one in which the 10-year-old victim was killed. "I feel it is sick what is happening across the country. It is totally sick, and it needs to stop," said Smitha, a 32year-old protester who goes by only one name.

More pleas made for safety of missing Lao activist

BANGKOK (AP)—The wife of a respected social activist in Laos who disappeared and is thought to have been detained by police has broken her silence to plead with the government to aid in his safe return. Ng Shui Meng, in an appeal to the Lao government circulated to friends and colleagues by e-mail, confirmed that police CCTV footage she was allowed to review showed police stopping and taking into custody her husband, Sombath Somphone, and later putting him into another vehicle with two unidentified men who drove off with him. Laos has an authoritarian government with little tolerance for dissent, but friends and associates said Sombath's work was neither directly political nor confrontational. Colleagues are unable to offer any possible reason for his disappearance.

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World

Fear keeps Egypt's Christians away from polls

ASSIUT, Egypt (AP)—A campaign of intimidation by Islamists left most Christians in this southern Egyptian province too afraid to participate in last week's referendum on an Islamist-drafted constitution they deeply oppose, residents say. The disenfranchisement is hiking Christians' worries over their future under empowered Muslim conservatives.

Around a week before the vote, some 50,000 Islamists marched through the provincial capital, Assiut, chanting that Egypt will be "Islamic, Islamic, despite the Christians." At their head rode several bearded men on horseback with swords in scabbards on their hips, evoking images of early Muslims conquering Christian Egypt in the 7th Century.

They made sure to go through mainly Christian districts of the city, where residents, fearing attacks, shuttered down their stores and stayed in their homes,

The day of the voting itself on Saturday, Christian voting was minimal—as low as seven percent in some areas, according to church officials. Some of those who did try to head to polling stations in some villages were pelted by stones, forcing them to turn back without casting ballots, Christian activists and residents told The Associated Press this week

The activists now see what happened in Assuit as a barometer for what Christians' status will be under a constitution that enshrines a greater role for Shariah, or Islamic law, in government and daily life. Even under the secular regime of autocrat Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's Christians complained of discrimination and government failure to protect them and their rights. They fear it will be worse with the Islamists who have dominated Egypt's po-

litical landscape since Mubarak's ouster in February 2011.

"When all issues become religious and all the talk is about championing Islam and its prophet, then, as a Christian, I am excluded from societal participation," said Shady Magdy Tobia, a Christian activist in Assiut. "If this does not change, things will only get worse for Christians."

But some of the Christians of Assiut are pushing back against the emboldened Islamists. In recent weeks, young Christians joined growing street protests to demand that the charter is shelved, casting aside decades of political apathy.

Assiut province is significant because it is home to one of Egypt's largest Christian communities—they make up about 35 percent of the population of 4.5 million, perhaps three times the nationwide percentage. yone who shares Egypt with us."

L&T Group of Companies is inviting qualified Legal Secretary (2) applicants to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)

College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Engineering Manager

Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

IT Manager

College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician

Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer

Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

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Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

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Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Accounting Manager

College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

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Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

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Graduate of a 4-year degree course and with a minimum of 8 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in property management and building maintenance. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

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Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

Electrician

High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (12)

High school diploma or GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; standard practices and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Must be able to work flexible hours. Can work outdoors.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Venezuela VP hopes Chavez can be sworn in Jan. 10

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's vice president said on Wednesday that the government is still aiming for President Hugo Chavez to be sworn in for a new term as scheduled next month, saying his condition has been improving after his cancer surgery in Cuba. Vice President Nicolas Maduro declined to speculate when asked about scenarios if the ailing president is unable to take the oath of office on Jan. 10. He took the stance amid mounting concerns over the president's tough fight against complications following his fourth cancerrelated operation, and a day after National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello floated the idea of postponing Chavez's inauguration if necessary. "We're concentrating on prayer, on faith, on medical treatment that is among the best in the world, so that our commander in chief and president upholds his sacred duty on Jan. 10," Maduro said at a news conference. "Day after day ... he has been getting

Ruslyn Carmen Billy Saito Telephone No. 288-3098/233-1320

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: D. M. B. S. (12/08/2003) A. N. B. S. (03/06/2007) & S. F. B. S. (08/15/2008)

Ruslyn Carmen Billy Saito,

FCD GU CIVIL ACTION, 12-0590 NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor children by Ruslyn Carmen Billy Saito, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 26th day of December, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz

By: Deputy Clerk of Court

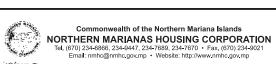
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Israel OK's new homes

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel on Wednesday pressed forward with the construction of thousands of new homes in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. part of a series of new settlement plans that have drawn worldwide rebuke, including from its closest ally, the United States. Separate planning committees gave approval Wednesday to a new settlement in east Jerusalem, the first to be built in the contested area since 1997, and construction of 1,000 new homes in existing settlements across the West Bank. The announcements drew harsh Palestinian condemnations and were likely to heighten the already rising tensions between Israel and its allies in the West. The Palestinians claim the West Bank and east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967, as parts of a future state. The international community opposes all Israeli settlement in the two areas.



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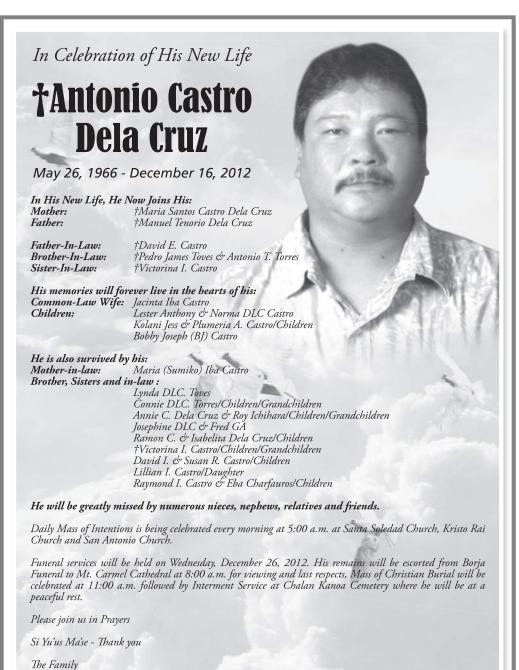
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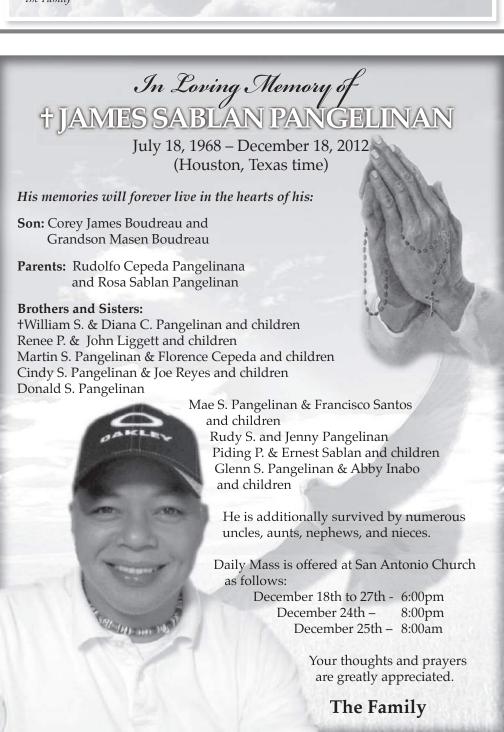
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Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

\$500 million in checks left at Jerusalem holy site

JERUSALEM (AP)—Worshippers usually leave notes to the Almighty at one of Judaism's holiest sites. But half a billion dollars? Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, who oversees Jerusalem's Western Wall, said a worshipper found an envelope at the site Wednesday with 507 checks in the amount of about \$1 million each. They were not addressed to anyone, and it's doubtful they can be cashed. Rabinovitch said most are Nigerian. Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said some were from the United States, Europe and Asia. Rabinovitch says he has found similar checks in Western Wall charity boxes before, but they all bounced. He says most of them were written by people from Africa. The rabbi says he thinks the check writers "wanted to give all they had to the Creator of the universe."

Missouri monks' fruitcakes support solitary living

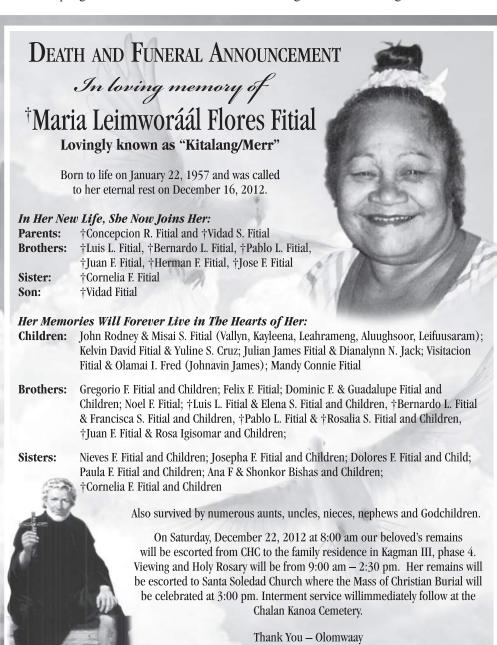
AVA, Mo. (AP)—Once the bane of pot-luck parties, the fruitcake has been turned into a sought-after treat by Trappist monks secluded in the Missouri Ozarks who some say bake cake that's nothing short of heavenly. Between February and mid-December, monks at the Assumption Abbey in Ava, Mo., produce about 25,000 fruitcakes. The monks have gained a national reputation for carefully controlling the production. They marinate the fruit, age the cakes and even package and ship the product from their foothills monastery. Before each twopound cake leaves the abbey, it gets a special prayer from the monks aimed at all those who eat the cake. At \$31 apiece, the cakes allow the monks to live out solitary lives of work and prayer on their compound southeast of Springfield.

RI man, wife charged with DUI on same night

LINCOLN, R.I. (AP)—Rhode Island State Police say a husband and wife both face charges of driving under the influence after they were stopped separately on the same night. Police say 43-year-old Stephanie Souza, of Warwick, was stopped in Cranston on Friday, and a chemical test on her at the Lincoln barracks indicated she'd been driving under the influence. They say 44-year-old Michael Souza was pulled over for a motor vehicle violation in Lincoln while driving to get his wife, then taken into custody. They say a chemical test on him at the Lincoln barracks indicated he was also driving under the influence. A number for the Souzas could not be located Sunday and they could not be reached for comment.

Circus claims vodka saves elephants in Siberia

MOSCOW (AP)—Circus trainers claim two of their elephants were saved from the deadly Siberian cold by vodka. Emergency ministry spokesman Alexander Davydov said Friday that the elephants were in a trailer that caught fire Thursday outside the city of Novosibirsk, forcing trainers to take them out into the bitter cold before another truck arrived to deliver them to a warm gym at a local community college. The Komsomolskaya Pravda daily reported that trainer Leonid Labo had the animals, aged 45 and 48, drink 10 liters (2.6 gallons) of vodka diluted in warm water-and a veterinarian said later that only the tips of their ears were frostbitten. Although scientists say that alcohol can make humans feel warmer but actually lowers their core body temperature, Novosibisk zoo director Rostislav Shilo told the daily that the vodka saved the animals from frostbite and pneumonia, without harming or even intoxicating them.



The Family

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Science & Technology

If Mayans are correct, are you prepared for the end of the world?

By DEBORAH NETBURN

The 5,125-year-long cycle of the Mayan calendar will come to an end today, and some people worry this will also mark the end of the world as we know it.

NASA scientists, the federal

government and historians who study Mayan culture are emphatic that the world will not end. But just in case the experts are wrong, it may be a good time to consider what gadgets to put in your emergency kit. Besides, it would be handy in other catastrophes too.

Great gift ideas for under \$100



CAMBRIDGE SOUNDWORKS/MCT The Oontz is a portable Bluetooth speaker with speakerphone capability and a rechargeable battery offering 10 hours of life.

By DON LINDICH LATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. I need to find a gadget lover a really nice gift for under \$100. Do you have any suggestions for me?—P.S., Cranberry Township, Pa.

A. The holiday season will be over soon, but great electronics buys in the \$100-and-under price range are always worth talking about. Here are some of my favorites.

Cambridge **SoundWorks Oontz, \$69:** Out of everything I tested this past year, it was the Oontz that impressed me the most. The Oontz is a portable Bluetooth speaker with speakerphone capability and a rechargeable battery offering 10 hours of life. Don't let the low price fool you. This is a well-constructed, seriously good piece of audio gear that puts much more expensive competitors to shame with its great sound, room-filling volume levels and surprising bass. The Oontz works with most any portable device, such as iPhones, iPods, laptops, and Android phones. It is now available in many stylish colors. www.theoontz.com

Powerbag Messenger Bag, **\$50-\$60:** Though it lists for \$119, this bag can be found online for much less. A high capacity rechargeable battery is integrated into the design. Charge the bag, and when you are on the go use the Powerbag's various ports and connections to charge your phone, tablet, eReader, or other electronic device. I have one and love it. www.mypowerbag.com

Nakamichi NK780 headphones, \$20: these over-the-ear headphones sell for \$20 at Sears, and they aren't just good for the money, they are good — period. Sound is surprisingly detailed and rich, but if you play them too loudly the bass gets boomy and they distort. Stay at normal listening levels you won't believe the sound quality for the price. www.nakamichi-usa.com

emergency radio such as the American Red Cross FRX3 from Eton (\$60) is a good place to start. It is a compact unit that lets you access AM, FM and shortwave radio with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather forecasts. ALL-IN-ONE RADIO: An It also has a flashlight and a piercing emergency siren. But our favorite part is the USB port

> you buy a USB cable too). The radio has a built-in rechargeable battery and can run on solar power or a hand crank, so even if your power is out, you'll still be able to use it.

that can be used to charge your

beloved cellphone (as long as

SOLAR-POWERED BAT-

TERY CHARGER: If your car is still running, you may be able to charge your devices through the cellphone charger in your car. You can also purchase a solarpowered cellphone charger that will never run out of batteriesas long as the doomsday scenario has not knocked out the sun. The Revive external solar battery pack (on sale at Amazon for \$27.99) works with dozens of devices.

If you'd like a solar cellphone charger that also blasts music, consider Eton's Rukus Solar (\$150). It is compatible with the iPhone and iTouch, runs entirely on solar power and has eight tiny speakers.

FLASHLIGHT: You might

also consider a solar-powered flashlight. L.L. Bean sells a compact waterproof version (\$22) that comes in a variety of colors. Eight hours of solarcharging time during daylight will give you 12 hours of light, and if you accidentally drop it in a puddle, or even in the ocean, it should still work fine.

SURVIVAL APPS: Even if cellphone service is unavailable, a smartphone loaded with emergency applications can be helpful in times of crisis. The Survival Guide app (free), based on the U.S. military survival manual, includes information on how to build a hammock and how to find water safe for

drinking. You don't need cellular service to use the app.

There are several free Flashlight apps for smartphones that you can use to find where you put your solar-powered flashlight. Most of these apps tap into the smartphone's LED camera flash, so the light is quite bright. Some include a must-have survival tool: a compass.

SMARTPHONE GAMES: underestimate your Don't phone's power to keep you occupied while you wait for help. Your phone's emergency kit might include "Solitaire," "Angry Birds" and, of course, "Temple Run."

Logitech Harmony 650 Remote, \$60: This universal remote is easy to program using your PC and features a full

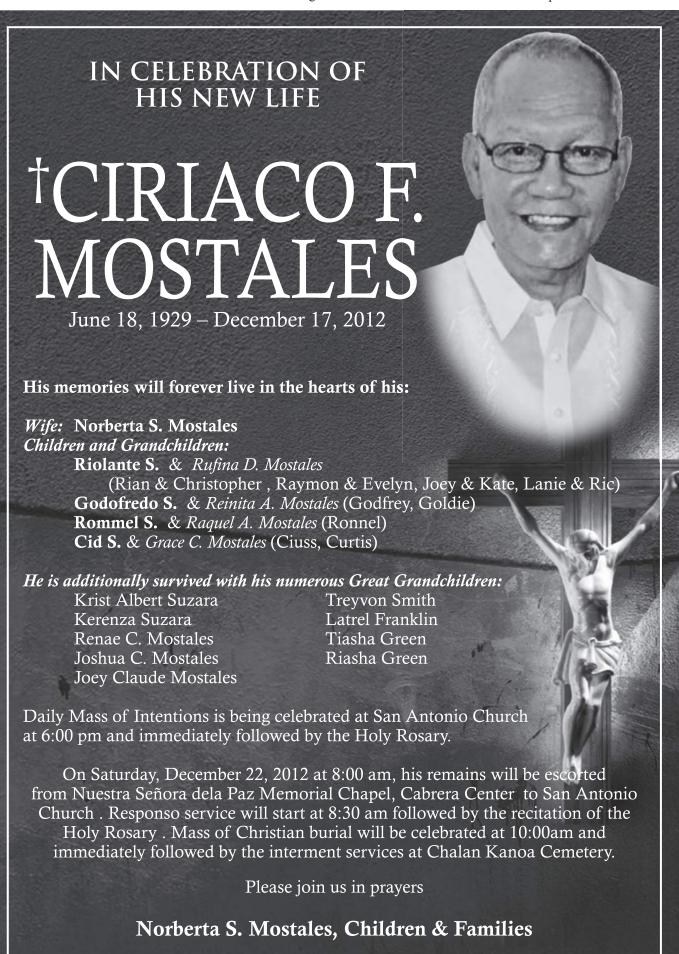
color, backlit screen. It's a great buy for only \$60 online and sure to satisfy for years to come. www.logitech.com Olympus VR-340 digital

camera, \$99: Though it lists for \$149, this compact camera can be found online for under \$100. It features image stabilization, a 10x optical zoom, HD Movies, sensor-shift image stabilization, and Olympus' popular art filter options. A rechargeable lithiumion battery is included. www. getolympus.com

Spin-Clean Record Washer, **\$79:** Vinyl record lovers aspire to own a record cleaning machine, but high-end models that use liquid and a vacuum can be quite expensive. The Spin-Clean provides the same kind of deep cleaning action, but you dry the records by hand, providing the same end result (clean, quiet records) at a fraction of the cost. The Spin-Clean is sure to delight anyone with a record collection, and makes a great gift for new turntable owners. www. spincleanrecordwasher.com

Monoprice 12-inch, 150-watt powered subwoofer, \$104: It cracks the \$100 barrier by a smidgen, but this is too good of a value to exclude from the list. Whether you are building a home theater from scratch, improving the bass of your current system, or adding a subwoofer to a small pair of bookshelf speakers, the Monoprice 12-inch powered subwoofer offers a lot of solid, well-controlled bass for not a lot of money. It works with speaker-level and line-level outputs so it can be integrated into most any system and the cabinet looks better than you would expect for \$104, as well. www.monoprice.com

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The Usual Suspects' Christopher McQuarrie brings Lee Child's Jack Reacher character to the big screen with this Paramount Pictures production starring Tom Cruise as the lone-wolf investigator on the hunt for a murderous sniper.



This Is 40

4:25 7:25 9:55 1:25 4:25

Cast: Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Jason Segel, Megan Fox Genre: Comedy • Rated R



Monsters Inc. 3D

7:05 9:50 Friday 1:05 7:05 Saturday Sunday and Monday 1:05

Cast: John Goodman, Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs Genre: Animation, Family • Rated G



The Guilt Trip

4:15 7:20 9:40 7:20 1:20 Sunday and Monday 1:20 4:15

Cast: Seth Rogen, Barbra Streisand, Kathy Najimy Genre: Comedy . Rated R



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D

7:45 10:10 4:20 7:45 Sunday and Monday 12:55 4:20

Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG 13



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 2D

4:10 7:35 10:00 Friday Sunday and Monday 12:45 4:10 7:35

Cast: Martin Freeman, lan McKellen, Richard Armitage Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG 13



Rise of the Guardians 3D

7:30 10:55 Friday Saturday 7:30 10:55 Sunday and Monday 1:30 7:30

Cast: Chris Pine, Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG



Rise of the Guardians 2D

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Cast: Chris Pine, Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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Life & Style

Miss USA Olivia Culpo is crowned Miss Universe

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A 20-yearold Boston University sophomore and a self-described "cellist-nerd" brought the Miss Universe crown back to the United States for the first time in more than a decade when she won the televised contest Wednesday.

Olivia Culpo beat out 88 other beauty queens to take the title from Leila Lopes of Angola during the two-hour competition at the Planet Hollywood casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Culpo wore a tight navy blue mini-dress with a sequined bodice as she walked on stage for the competition's opening number. Later in the night, she strutted in a purple and blue bikini, and donned a wintery red velvet gown with a plunging neckline.

Culpo's coronation ends a long losing spell for the U.S. in the competition co-owned by Donald Trump and NBC. An American had not won the right to be called Miss Universe since Brook Lee won the title in 1997.

Culpo was good enough during preliminary competitions to be chosen as one of 16 semifinalists who moved on to compete in the pageant's finale. Her bid lasted through swimsuit, evening wear, and interview competitions that saw cuts after each round.

She won over the judges, even after tripping slightly during the evening gown competition. Telecasters pointed it out but also noted her poised recovery.

Minutes before the middle child of five was crowned, she was asked whether she had she had ever done something she regretted.

"I'd like to start off by saying



Miss USA, Olivia Culpo, right, reacts as she is announced as the new Miss Universe over first runner-up Miss Philippines, Janine Tugonon, left, during the Miss Universe competition, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, in Las Vegas.

that every experience no matter what it is, good or bad, you'll learn from it. That's just life," she said. "But something I've done I've regretted is probably picking on my siblings growing up, because you appreciate them so much more as you grow older."

Miss Philippines, Janine Tugonon, came in second, while Miss Venezuela, Irene Sofia Esser Quintero, placed third.

All the contestants spent the past two weeks in Sin City, where they posed in hardhats at a hotel groundbreaking, took a painting lesson, and pranked hotel guests

by hiding in their rooms.

Culpo was the first Miss USA winner from Rhode Island when she took the national crown in Las Vegas in June.

She grew up in Cranston with two professional musicians for parents and has played the cello alongside world-renowned classical musician Yo-Yo Ma. On her Miss Universe page, she said she hopes to pursue a career in film or television, and cites Audrey Hepburn as a role model because of her "generosity, intelligence and grace."

With Culpo's promotion, Miss Maryland Nana Meriwether becomes the new Miss USA.

The Miss Universe pageant was back in Las Vegas this year after being held in Sao Paulo in 2011. It aired live on NBC and was streamed to more than 100 countries.

Organizers had considered holding the 61st annual Miss Universe in the popular Dominican Republic tourist city of Punta Cana, but Miss Universe Organization President Paula Shugart said that country's financial crisis proved to be too much of an obstacle.

The panel of 10 judges included singer Cee Lo Green, "Iron Chef" star Masaharu Morimoto and Pablo Sandoval of the San Francisco Giants.

Asked on the red carpet whether he found playing in the World Series or judging the beauty pageant to be more difficult, Sandoval said both were hard.

Sharply dressed women and men, including a large contingent from South America, held banners and cheered on their favorite contestants.

The pageant started as a local revue in Long Beach, California, organized by Catalina Swimwear. It is not affiliated with the Miss America pageant and unlike that contest, does not include a talent section.

Contestants in the pageant cannot have been married or have children. They must be younger than 27 and older than 18 by Feb. 1 of the competition year.

As Miss Universe, Culpo will receive an undisclosed salary, a wardrobe fit for a queen, a limitless supply of beauty products, and a luxury apartment in New York City.

Breakfast at Tiffany's' added to US film registry

WASHINGTON (AP)— "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Dirty Harry" and "A League of Their Own" are among 25 films that will be preserved for their enduring significance in U.S. culture by the Library of Congress, along with "A Christmas Story."

The library on Wednesday is inducting the 25 selections into the National Film Registry. Congress created the program in 1989 to preserve films for their cultural or historical significance. The latest additions bring the registry to 600 films that include Hollywood features, documentaries, independent films and early experimental films.

The newest movie chosen for preservation is 1999's "The Matrix." noted for its state-ofthe-art special effects and computer-generated animation with a style that drew on Hong Kong action films and Japanese anime to change science fiction filmmaking, curators noted.

The oldest film being preserved, "The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Title Fight," dates back 115 years to 1897. Film curators said the boxing movie helped establish

the film industry as a successful business, drawing on the sport's popularity and controversy to generate \$750,000 in income. Boxing was illegal in many states at the time but had been made legal in Nevada, which hosted the fight. The film, with a running time of about 100 minutes, became the longest movie ever produced at the time, showing the full course of the fight.

The Librarian of Congress makes the selections each year after conferring with members of the National Film Preservation Board and receiving public nominations. To be considered, the films must be at least 10 vears old.

"These films are not selected as the 'best' American films of all time, but rather as works of enduring importance to American culture," said Librarian of Congress James Billington in announcing the selections. "They reflect who we are as a people and as a nation."

They also include some unforgettable characters.

Audrey Hepburn landed the lead in 1961's "Breakfast at Tiffany's" even though writer Truman Capote wanted Marilyn Monroe for the part. Film critics and the audience decided Capote was wrong and hailed Hepburn's portrayal.

"A League of Their Own" from 1992 received many public nominations for the film registry over the years. With a cast that included Geena Davis, Tom Hanks, Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell, it told the story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Numerous public nominations also were received for "Born Yesterday" from 1950 and "A Christmas Story" from 1983. Both were chosen this year. Other Hollywood features on the list include "Anatomy of a Murder" from 1959 and "3:10 to Yuma" from 1957.

Each title named to the registry will be preserved in the library's Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation, built partially in a bunker in Virginia, or through collaborations with other archives or studios.

Documentaries chosen this year include "The Times of Harvey Milk," made in 1984 about San Francisco's first openly gay elected official who was assassinated in 1978, and "Samsara: Death and Rebirth in Cambodia" from 1990 about the struggle to rebuild after Pol Pot's rule.

This year's selections include some firsts in film history. The 1914 film "Uncle Tom's Cabin," based on the anti-slavery novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe, had been adapted earlier for movies with white actors in the lead roles. But this version was the first feature-length U.S. film to star a black actor when Sam Lucas was chosen for the part.

The library will also preserve the first "Kodachrome Color Motion Picture Tests" from 1922. The two-color film features leading actresses posing and miming for the camera to demonstrate the new color film. Before then, to show film in color, black and white images either had to be hand-painted or colored with a stenciling process. Inventors, including scientists at Kodak, began experimenting with ways to create true color film.

Adele voted AP Entertainer of the Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Though Adele didn't have a new album or a worldwide tour in 2012, she's still rolling. After a year of Grammy glory and James Bond soundtracking, Adele has been voted The Associated Press Entertainer of the Year.

In 132 ballots submitted by members and subscribers of the AP, Adele easily outpaced other vote-getters like Taylor Swift, "Fifty Shades of Grey" author E.L. James, the South Korean viral video star PSY and the cast of "Twilight." Editors and broadcasters were asked to cast their ballot for the person who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in 2012.

Adele's year began in triumph at the Grammys, took a turn through recording the theme to the 007 film "Skyfall," and ended with the birth of her son in October. The ubiquitous Adele was that rare thing in pop culture: an unqualified sensation, a megastar in a universe of niche hits.

By the end of the year, her sophomore album, "21," had passed 10 million copies sold in the U.S., only the 21st album in the Nielsen SoundScan era (begun in 1991) to achieve diamond status. Buoyed by hits like "Someone Like You" and "Rolling in the Deep" long after its release in early 2011, "21" was also the top-selling album on iTunes for the second year running.



In this magazine cover image photographed by Mert Alas and Marcus Piggott and released by Vogue, singer Adele is shown on the cover of the March issue of "Vogue."

put it: "It just seemed like you couldn't turn on the radio without hearing one of her songs."

Women have had a lock on the annual Entertainer of the Year selection. Previous winners include Lady Gaga, Taylor As David Panian, news editor Swift, Betty White and Tina

for Michigan's Daily Telegram, Fey. Stephen Colbert is the lone male winner in the six-year history of voting.

> The Grammy Awards in February were essentially the defacto crowning of the 24-yearold Adele, whose real name is Adele Adkins, as a pop queen. She won six awards, including

album of the year. It was also a comeback of sorts for Adele, who performed for the first time since having vocal cord surgery, drawing a standing ovation from the Staples Center crowd.

Accepting the album of the year award, a teary Adele exclaimed: "Mum, girl did good!" The emotional, sniffling singer endeared many viewers to her when she copped in her acceptance speech to having "a bit of snot."

"This record is inspired by something that is really normal and everyone's been through it: just a rubbish relationship," said Adele.

But her luck in love has since turned, thanks to her boyfriend Simon Konecki. In an interview with Vogue magazine, Adele said she was through with break-up records and done being "a bitter witch." When Adele announced in June that she was having a baby with Konecki, her website promptly crashed under the heavy traffic. Their son was born in October.

With such an avalanche of success and now a mother of a newborn son, Adele has understandably taken a step out of the spotlight. One notable exception was recording the opening credits theme song to "Skyfall." The song was recorded with her "21" producer Paul Epworth at the Abbey Road Studios in London with a 77-piece orchestra. Within hours, it zoomed to the top of digital charts.

Affleck calls for stronger US leadership in Congo

WASHINGTON (AP)—With an atypical audience-members of Congress—actor and director Ben Affleck read from a script with a pointed message: A desperate humanitarian

Ke\$ha tweets hit 'Die Young' 'now inappropriate'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)-Ke\$ha says she understands her hit song "Die Young" "is now inappropriate" following the shootings in Newtown, Connecticut.

The pop singer said in a Twitter post Tuesday night that she's "so so so sorry" for anyone affected by the tragedy.

Earlier Tuesday, Ke\$ha tweeted that she had her own issues with "Die Young" due to the lyrics, but that she was "FORCED TO" sing them. That tweet was deleted a short time later.

Ke\$ha's spokesman said the 25-year-old had no comment Wednesday morning.

"Die Young" is intended as a party anthem and is No. 3 on this week's Billboard Hot 100 chart. But radio stations began to pull it and other songs with potentially upsetting lyrics after 27 people, including 20 children, were killed Friday at an elementary school.



Ben Affleck, actor and founder of the Eastern Congo Initiative, listens to testimony during the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the evolving security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012.

situation in Congo requires a stronger display of U.S. leadership, and it will get worse without one.

Glancing down at prepared testimony, Affleck told the House Armed Services Committee that he had traveled to Congo regularly in recent years, seeing both the effects of violence and the potential of the African country. He called for the U.S. to show moral leadership in the region, saying it didn't require a deep investment of taxpayer money.

"They deserve better than this cycle of violence and upheaval," he said of the people

"Without persistent, highlevel leadership by the United States, the key players will not come to the table and do their part," he said.

Affleck, who wore a charcoal gray suit and a blue tie, said the U.S. should lead an effort to reshape the United Nations' role in the region. Despite a U.N. presence in the country for 15 years, and a major peacekeeping operation in the country, a rebel group called the M23 has operated in eastern Congo, terrorizing the region.

Affleck was one of five

witnesses-and the only one asked to pose for pictures by starry-eyed aides—to testify to the committee about Congo. The African country of about 68 million people has seen an estimated 5 million people killed since a second regional war began there in 1997. State Department officials have described the situation in Congo as the most volatile in Africa.

The "Argo" star told the committee he planned to travel to Congo again next year. His place at the committee table among academic experts and government officials came through his experience founding the East Congo Initiative, a nonprofit organization that helps direct aid to the war-torn region. The group, which was founded in 2010, says it is the first U.S. organization to focus solely on aiding eastern Congo.

Affleck's earnestness—and apparent knowledge of the conflict—seemed to impress committee members.

As the actor-director completed his testimony, Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., the committee's chairman, said that he "knew nothing about the Congo other than what I learned today." He thanked Affleck and the other witnesses for informing him.

Woman's soon-to-be-ex still on her family's guest list

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My divorce from "Vince" will be final in a few weeks. We have two sons together and we communicate well. Since our breakup, my parents have continued their relationship with him. They say, "You divorced him, we didn't."

They have confirmed that he will be invited to all holiday events. I am so upset about it that



I now want nothing to do with them. Vince has his own family who have unanimously removed me from their lives.

I'm hurt by my parents' actions. Am I wrong? And are my feelings normal?

LOST MY PARENTS IN THE DIVORCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOST: As the father of your children, Vince will always be a part of your life, so my advice is to accept it graciously. Because Vince had a good relationship with your parents, I can understand why they would extend an invitation to the father of their grandchildren. Whether he will choose to accept is the question. His family may have declared you persona non grata because in their eyes you divorced HIM.

That said, your feelings are your feelings. Rather than say they are "wrong," I would point out that they are unproductive at this point. As you move forward with your emotional life, I predict this will become less of an issue.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old divorced man. I use an online dating service to meet women my age, but I'm extremely frustrated by the lack of courtesy.

Why is it so hard for a woman to simply write, "Thanks, but I'm not interested" after getting a note of inquiry? My photos are recent, I'm polite and I send thoughtful notes that show I have read their profiles carefully and think there's a chance we have something in common. I admit, I'm not the handsomest man, but I hold a master's degree and I am financially stable.

I have sent a dozen notes over the last few months, and not one woman has been polite enough to respond. Any thoughts?

DATELESS IN DAYTON

DEAR DATELESS: Please don't let the lack of response make you quit putting yourself out there, because eventually you're going to find someone if you keep trying. You are an intelligent man, and I am sure you have much to offer some lucky woman.

However, I would delicately point out to you that by not responding to your notes these women ARE sending you a message. It is possible that because the "chemistry" is wrong, they do not wish to get into a dialogue.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl and every time I meet people, they think I am 12. How do I look more my age? Please

HONEY IN GEORGIA

DEAR HONEY: A way to accomplish it would be to go to a department store and ask at the cosmetics counter about a demonstration makeover to achieve a more sophisticated look. While you're there, I'm sure a clothing salesperson would also be happy to accommodate you in finding items that girls your age are buying. A different hairstyle could also "update" your image if you are wearing it the way you did a few years ago.

P.S. While you may not think it now, later on you will regard your youthful appearance as an asset. Trust me on that!

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Good advice for everyone-teens to seniors-is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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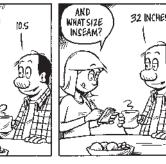
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By Jim Davis



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Happy Birthday: Set a standard that will encourage others to respect and consult with you. Taking control or being a leader will help you feel comfortable with the changes you make and the people you deal with in order to get what you want. Your numbers are 3, 6, 14, 25, 32, 39, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't please everyone, so do your best to please the people you care about most. A moneymaking opportunity will spark your interest. Personal changes will build confidence and help you venture down new avenues. Love is enhanced. OOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A financial bonus or surprise is heading your way. Put your skills to work for you and offer a service that will help put cash in your pocket. A partnership will help you develop a business plan. Travel plans should be made. •••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A positive attitude will help you develop better relationships with people trying to reach similar goals. You may feel like celebrating, but overdoing it in any way will lead to emotional or financial loss. Stick to what and whom you know.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let what others do add pressure or responsibilities that don't belong to you. Enjoy time spent with good friends or those you know you can rely on regardless of what happens. Follow your intuition. It won't let you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out and do some shopping or get involved in an event that will allow you to lend a helping hand. Strive to enhance your reputation and you will meet someone who can change your life by introducing you to a different lifestyle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refrain from being overly generous. Draw the line when asked for too much or put in

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feelings. The changes at home will bring you great joy and something to look forward to in the upcoming year. An honest assessment will make the difference between success and failure. 00000



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Anthony returns, helps Knicks rout Nets, 100-86

NEW YORK (AP)— Carmelo Anthony scored 31 points in his return to the lineup and the New York Knicks beat

the Brooklyn Nets 100-86 on Wednesday night in the third meeting this season between the city rivals.

After two tight games in Brooklyn, the Knicks turned the first one at Madison Square Garden into a rout by dominating the second half. Anthony, who missed two games with a sprained left ankle, moved fine and shot well, though his scoring average against the Nets this season actually dropped to 37 points per game.

J.R. Smith added 19 points

and Tyson Chandler had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who bounced back from their first home loss Monday against Houston, improving to 11-1 at MSG.

Joe Johnson scored 17 points for the Nets, who have lost three straight and eight of 10. What once was a deadlock for the Atlantic Division lead after the first meeting is now a six-game advantage for the

Thunder 100, Hawks 92

In Atlanta, Kevin Durant set a season high with 41 points and had 13 rebounds as Oklahoma City held off Atlanta for its 12th straight win.

Russell Westbrook added 27 points—21 in the first half and 11 assists for the Thunder.

The Thunder (21-4) improved the NBA's best record and atoned for a 104-95 home loss to the Hawks on Nov. 4. Oklahoma City is 20-2 since that loss.

Clippers 93, Hornets 77

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored 18 points and Los Angeles beat New Orleans for its franchise record-tying 11th consecutive victory.

Jamal Crawford added 17 points, DeAndre Jordan scored 12, and Chris Paul had 10 points and 12 assists, surpassing 5,000 in his career for the Clippers.

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Celtics 103, **Cavaliers 91**

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 25 of his season-high 40 points in the second half, hitting 10 of his 11 shots after halftime, and Boston beat Cleveland to snap a three-game skid.

Pierce made his first eight shots coming out of the break, including three 3-pointers. He finished 13 of 16 from the field.

Rajon Rondo added 20 points and eight assists for the Celtics. Jason Terry added 15 points.

Kings 131, Warriors 127

In Sacramento, Calif., DeMarcus Cousins scored 24 points, Aaron Brooks added 23 and Sacramento snapped a five-game losing streak

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with a win over Golden State.

After blowing a 15-point lead, Brooks made a pair of 3-pointers in the final minutes to help the Kings pull away. Both teams shot 50 percent, while the Kings had a season high in points and scored more than any team had against the Warriors this season.

Stephen Curry scored 23 of his 32 points in the second half before fouling out, and David Lee had 29 points and eight rebounds in Golden State's worst defensive outing of the season.

Grizzlies 90, Bucks 80

In Memphis, Tenn., Zach Randolph had 15 points and 17 rebounds, and Marc Gasol had 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead Memphis over Milwaukee.

Rudy Gay added 13 points for Memphis, which won its third straight. Mike Conley had 11 points and six assists, while Marreese Speights scored 10 points.

Brandon Jennings led Milwaukee with 26 points despite missing his first eight shots. Marquis Daniels was the only other Bucks player in double figures with 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting.

Pacers 104, Jazz 84

In Indianapolis, reserve guard Gerald Green scored a season-high 21 points, and Paul George had 20 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks to help Indiana beat Utah.

George Hill also scored 20 and had five assists for the Pacers, who matched their largest victory margin of the season and won for the fourth time in five games.

Derrick Favors scored 16 points, Alec Burks had 12 and Mo Williams 11 for the Jazz, who lost their third in the last four games.

Rockets 125, 76ers 103

In Houston, James Harden had 33 points and seven assists to lead Houston to a victory over Philadelphia.

Harden topped 20 points for the seventh straight game to send

the 76ers to their fifth straight loss. He made 17 of 18 free throws, including six in the fourth quarter, as Houston improved to 9-2 in its last 11 home games.

Toney Douglas hit five 3-pointers and scored all 17 of his points in the fourth for Houston.

Suns 121, Bobcats 104

In Phoenix, Shannon Brown scored a season-high 26 points and Phoenix hit a season-high 17 3-pointers to send Charlotte to its league-worst 13th straight loss.

Goran Dragic added 21 points and Jared Dudley had 20 for the Suns, who have won a seasonbest four straight. Their 17 3s came on 28 attempts.

Kemba Walker scored 27 points and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist added 25 to match a career high for the Bobcats, who have not won since Nov. 24.

Raptors 97, Pistons 91

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan had 23 points, Alan Anderson scored 12 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter and Toronto beat Detroit to extend its winning streak to four games.

Jose Calderon had 17 assists, one shy of his season high, and Jonas Valanciunas scored 12 points for the Raptors, who last won four straight from Nov. 17-24, 2010. Ed Davis added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors, who had lost six of their previous seven meetings with the Pistons

Magic 90, Wizards 83

In Orlando, Fla., J.J. Redick scored 17 points and fellow reserve E'Twaun Moore had 15 to lead Orlando to a win over Washington.

Redick hit four 3-pointers and Arron Afflalo had 15 points as Orlando won its fourth straight.

Nene had 20 points in a reserve role for the Wizards, who lost their fifth in a row. Jordan Crawford added 19 points and six assists.

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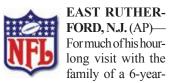
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Cruz: Meeting Pinto family was 'toughest by far'



old boy killed in the Connecticut school shootings, Victor Cruz talked about football, life and young Jack, the child who idolized him.

Tears were shed. Feelings were shared. Cleats and gloves worn by Cruz to honor Jack Pinto at Sunday's game against Atlanta were given to his family.

The New York Giants wide receiver somberly recounted Wednesday his meeting with Pinto's parents and brother in Newtown, Conn.

He struggled in his retelling only when asked about the family's decision to bury the child in the receiver's No. 80 Giants jersey. The father of an infant girl, Cruz stopped for a moment, and his eyes became watery.

"You never go through some circumstances like this and circumstances where a kid faces or a family faces something of this magnitude at their school," Cruz said. "This definitely was the toughest by far."

Jack Pinto was buried on Monday and Cruz telephoned the family to ask whether he could visit them Tuesday.

The family disclosed after Friday's massacre that Cruz was Jack's favorite player. The boy was one of 20 first-graders and six adults killed in the shootings

School.

Cruz drove to Newtown with his girlfriend, Elaina Watley, and their daughter, Kennedy.

"I had no expectations. I was a little nervous," Cruz said. "I just didn't know how I was going to be received. You never know when they are going through something like that. You never know how it is going to go down."

Seeing the family outside the home along with some local children made Cruz feel better.

"They were still pretty emotional, crying and stuff like that," Cruz said. "I saw how affected they were by just my presence alone. I got out and gave them the cleats and the gloves and they appreciated it. The older brother (Ben) was still emotional, so I gave them to him."

Cruz had written "Jack Pinto, My Hero" and "R.I.P. Jack Pinto" on his cleats before the Giants' loss to the Falcons Sunday in Atlanta.

The 26-year-old player best known for his salsa dances after touchdowns, signed autographs for the children before heading inside.

"I didn't want to go in there and make a speech," Cruz said. "I just wanted to go and spend some time with them and be someone they could talk to, and be someone they can vent to, talk about

EAST RUTHER- at the Sandy Hook Elementary how much of a fans they are of bit of time with them. We got the team, or different times they watched the Super Bowl."

Cruz spent that part of the visit sitting in the chair where Jack's father, Dean, sat when he watched the Giants' Super Bowl win over the New England Patriots in February.

It was a day Jack got to see his favorite team win a championship.

"It was just an emotional time," Cruz said. "I spent a little to smile a little bit, which was good for them. It was a time where I just wanted to be a positive voice, a positive light in the tunnel where it can really be negative, so it was a good time. They are a great family and they're really united at this time and it was good to see."

Cruz said it was strange thinking about a child being buried in his jersey. He did not know how to react. Should he thank the family?

"It leaves you kind of blank," Cruz said. "I am definitely honored by it. I am definitely humbled by it, and it's definitely an unfortunate but humbling experience for me."

The visit also gave Cruz time to reflect, especially looking at his daughter.

"Ever since it happened I've kind of been spending more time with her, just cherishing the little moments, the little

time you get with her because you never know when that can be taken from you," he said.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin said he was incredibly proud of Cruz for visiting with the Pinto

"Hopefully some of their grief might at least temporarily be suspended in being able to embrace Victor Cruz," Coughlin said, adding what he did speaking volumes of what he

Angels trade Kendrys Morales to Seattle for Vargas



SEATTLE (AP)—The Los Angeles

Angels got the pitching depth they wanted. The Seattle Mariners got the power-bat they so desperately needed.

Two foes in the AL West found a way to work together Wednesday when the Angels traded switch-hitting slugger Kendrys Morales to the Seattle Mariners for left-hander Jason Vargas, filling needs for both teams.

The 29-year-old Morales became expendable after the Angels agreed to a deal last week with free agent slugger Josh Hamilton. The Angels had been looking for a pitcher after losing Zack Greinke and Dan Haren to free agency and trading Ervin Santana.

The Angels added a left-

hander to their rotation, while Seattle got a hitter that can instantly take a spot in the middle of its order.

"We were going to try and come up with some type of offense and I think this worked out in a positive way," Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said. "Both players are at the end of their contracts."

Getting Vargas reunites the lefty with his former Long Beach State teammate Jered Weaver at the top of the Angels' rotation. The duo played college ball together in 2004 and now will be counted on in helping make the big money the Angels spent on Hamilton and Albert Pujols last season pay off.

"I'm back home in California now," Vargas said. "It's perfect."

Vargas grew up in Southern California where his father

coached high school baseball. He used to watch his second cousin, infielder Randy Velarde, play for the Angels in the late 1990s.

Vargas led Seattle in wins last season, going 14-11 with a 3.85 ERA and pitched a career-high 217 1-3 innings. The 29-yearold is 36-42 with a 4.09 ERA in four years with the Mariners.

"Jason was what we were looking for on the market this year: just a steady reliable lefthander who can go out there. He's got a history of pitching a high volume of innings and clearly I think we make ourselves a little bit better just in that we don't have to face him because he's given us fits," Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto said. "So we're thrilled to make the deal. We feel like this makes us a better, more complete and balanced team."

In his career, Vargas is 5-4 with a 2.65 ERA and 66 strikeouts in 85 innings pitched against the Angels.

A flyball pitcher, Vargas is excited to have an outfield that includes Rookie of the Year Mike Trout and Hamilton.

"Those guys out there behind me is outstanding," he said.

Morales hit .273 with 22 home runs and 73 RBIs last season after missing the entire 2011 season after breaking his leg early in 2010 while celebrating a game-ending grand slam against the Mariners. Morales was at his best later in 2012. hitting .275 with 11 homers, 28 RBIs and an OPS of .827 over the final two months. Among its regular starters, no Seattle hitter had an OPS higher than .738 for the 2012 season.



San Antonio, Insider prevail in Blue Haus caging

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



San Antonio and Insider triumphed over separate opponents in last Monday's Blue

Haus Invitational Basketball League matches at the Garapan Basketball Court.

San Antonio defeated Docomo Pacific, 77-71, in the curtain raiser, while Insider bested Hibiscus, 73-64.

San Antonio dominated the first three quarters before coasting to the easy win and Insider erupted in the third quarter of its matchup to secure its sound win.

The season continues in Garapan tonight with JWS taking on the R-Rebels at 6:30pm followed by Aces versus Team Capalad at 8pm.

Tomorrow night's matchups begin with Yuchiro's Electronics squaring off with Dexter Team after which the R-Rebels

take the floor against Servitek.

Nevin Salem darted off for 15 points that helped preserve a 31-17 lead for San Antonio in the opening canto and received support from six teammates.

Jack Aranda then took the reins in the second quarter with 11 points that gave the team from the south a 45-36 favor at mid-point. Docomo Pacific mainstay Ichitaro Faisao scored a dozen markers in the first half.

Javmark De Guzman headed the group with 6 points in the third period, but San Antonio's defense shone after the break as Docomo was held to 13 points and still trailed, 49-62, heading into the last frame.

Docomo tried to muster a late comeback, but San Antonio's Mike Saturno came off the bench for 8 points that warded them off.

Aranda's 19 points one-upped his wingman Salem, while Docomo's Faisao finished with a



San Antonio's Jack Aranda, right, challenges the defense of Docomo

Pacific's Ichitaro Faisao in a separate locally organized basketball league held earlier in the year at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

team-high 17 on the short end.

In the second game, Karl De Leon and Bernard Montano scored 6 points apiece that went with 5 more from Ramsa Tenepere that gave Insider a 23-13 margin against Hibiscus in the first quarter.

The pace slowed in the second period, but Montano kept it going with 7 more checks that kept his team in control at the half, 40-30.

Hibiscus kept searching for someone to step up, but only managed a bucket or so from a host of eight donors.

Insider then ramped up its game after intermission and catapulted to a 67-45 lead.

Insider connected with three from long range, one came from Ralph Rivera who fronted the group with 9 points altogether in the big push.

Insider called off the dogs for the majority of the fourth quarter, and walked off with the win after scoring just three baskets in garbage time.

Insider's Montano led a wellbalanced attack with 15 points, while Hibiscus' Donnel Isip matched his effort in defeat.

First Game

San Antonio 77 – Aranda 19, Salem 18, Saturno 15, Deguzman 13, Cadiang 8, Ngeskebei 2. Park 1. Villanueva 1.

Docomo Pacific 71 - Faisao 17, Metran 13, Hernandez 11, Cruz 9, Sacramento 9, Chen 7, Montes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-17, 45-36, 62-49, 77-71.

Second Game

Insider 73 – Montano 15, Rivera 11, De Leon 10, Wood 9, Dayrit 8, Mateo 6, Iglesias 6, Jose 4, Loste 4.

Hibiscus 64 – Isip 15, Pena 13, Tenepere 12, Manangan 6, Diaz 5, Saplan 5, Caraiso 4, Hernandez 3. Palacios 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-13, 40-30, 67-45, 73-64.

and WSR tied for second with

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hit the right goal post and WSR defenders scrambled to kick the ball out

With its close win, WSR was awarded the perpetual trophy, while GTC received the runner-up plum from Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Edward Salas.

The newly crowned champion, which had its name put in the perpetual trophy alongside Koblerville Elementary School (2008 champion), Saipan Community School (2009 and 2010), and GTC (2011), is coached by Melissa Dickinson and Ray

Aguon. The Kingfishers are composed of Emanuel Aniana, Albert Bergancia, Jang Bunusek, Eui Jin Byen, Jonathan Capayas, Spencer Dickinson, Delon Duenas, Freddie Guerro, Cody Leon, Andruw Omelau, Rico Reyes, and Glen Taro.

Besides GTC and WSR, seven other schools joined this year's U12 league. Teams were divided into two groups with San Antonio Elementary School leading the Southern Division after earning a perfect 4-0-0 win-draw-loss record in the round-robin elimination. WSR finished second with its 2-1-1 slate, followed by San Vicente Elementary School (1-2-1), Koblerville (0-2-2), and Dandan Elementary School (0-1-3).

neck-and-neck race. Mister and his eldest son Logan also

joined the relay. With last weekend's meet now in the books, SSC is planning to hold similar events next year.

"This event was intended to highlight swimming as a lifetime sport here in the CNMI and also as a part of family fitness. The young swimmers saw their coaches and parents in action in the pool modeling that philosophy. The family that swims together has fun together and SSC is very proud and happy to have sponsored the event. We encouraged all Masters swimmers to continue the program and we look forward to next year's event for more parents, more Masters swimmers, and more family fun," SSC president Robert Torres said. "SSC thanked the volunteers and participants who made this fun event a successful fundraiser.'

(Saipan Tribune)

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seconds, followed by Villagomez (29.10 seconds), guest swimmer Collin Schultz (30.07 seconds) Tyce Mister (33.24 seconds), Nicky Nichols (36.53 seconds), Tamio Nishikido (43.17 seconds), Paul Plunkett (43.44 seconds), and the only female entry in the event, Suzy Kindel (46.82 seconds).

After falling behind Thompson in the opening race, Ewing redeemed himself in the 100m freestyle, clocking in at 1:01.77 and beating El-Haji (1:03.77) by more than one seconds. Thompson settled for third place with his time of 1:05.20.

Schultz, who is from Iowa and is on Saipan visiting his aunt Marcia, came in at fourth after logging 1:15.51. Mister (1:25.20), Nichols (1:27.61), Carol Lynn Pierce (1:29.91), Nishikido (1:34.70), Kindel (1:41.12), and Joshua Berger (1:42.06) rounded out the finishers.

Ewing made it back-to-back when he won the 50m butterfly, timing in at 29.56 and edging SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield (30.91). El-Hajj had his third Top 3 finish in a row after posting 31.03, just .04 second ahead of Villagomez. Two female swimmers came next with Jennifer Sablan and Pierce tallying 40.20 and 42.15, respectively, to beat Mister (42.41).

Villagomez broke into the win column in the fourth event when he clocked in at 35.71 in the 50m breaststroke swim. The SSC mentor was the only swimmer to finish the event under 40 seconds, as Winkfield touched the wall at the 40.13 mark. Sablan placed third with her 46.05, followed by Mister (46.12), Nichols (49.04), and Nishikido (54.23).

In the last two individual races, Thompson had a sweep. He logged 1:31.59 in the 100m breaststroke to prevail over Sablan (1:45.90) and Mister (1:49.26) and then recorded 34.18 in the 50m backstroke to top Goodwin's 37.29. Winkfield and Pierce were also on the same race and posted 38.43 and 48.31, respectively. Ayaka Akimaru, mother of SSC swimmer and CNMI age group record holder Kento, rounded out the finisher with a time of 53.02.

Meanwhile, two side events were held to cap the SSC Masters Meet. First up was the 50m race with family members teaming up. Pierce swam with her 3-year-old grandson Franklin and later she carried him on her shoulders. Ewing and Plunkett did the same with 5-year-old daughter Jacqueline and 5-year-old son Sean, respectively, while Mister swam with sons Dylan and Blake.

In the 100m freestyle relay, father and son Mike and Mikey Villagomez edged Colin and Jinju Thompson in a

> ments with an upset over No. 11 Augusto Filippo La Cava, 7-6 (4), 6-0. Lizama went on to post a 3-1 record and finish second in his pool behind undefeated Hikaru Iizuka (4-0).

> in the Auckland tournament then advanced to the Round of 15. but unfortunately he bowed to third-ranked Ivica Batnozic in the afternoon match, 0-6, 2-6.

Garapan Elementary School topped the Northern Division with its flawless 4-0-0 mark, while GTC placed second with its 2-0-1 tally. Oleai Elementary School (1-0-2) and Kagman Elementary School (0-0-3) completed the field.

Only the Top 2 teams in each group advanced into the playoffs and qualifiers played in another round-robin format to determine the two finalists. GTC went on to win the first finals berth after posting a 2-0-1 card in the playoffs. Garapan

their similar 1-1-1 slate, but the latter won the tiebreak, as it defeated the former in their playoff match on Dec. 6, 2-1. Southern Division top finisher San Antonio fell short on its finals bid after failing to win a single game in the playoffs and settling for two draws and one loss.

Meanwhile, WSR and GTC also battled in the girls U12 finale yesterday afternoon and results of the match will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Monday edition. (Saipan Tribune)

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placer Alex Tudela (72-74).

J.J. Atalig won two closest to the pin plums fronting Castro, Sablan, Tudela, Matt Chargualaf, Ed Manibusan, and Steve Balakrishna.

SGA treasurer Edward Sablan and league secretary Frances Sablan presented the results of the season's statistics and recognized some other club members for a number of feats.

Ed Manibusan reached the most greens in regulation and won the Most Greenies award in addition to gaining props for maintaining the Lowest Handicap.

Ned Norita nabbed the most Longest Drives this year and Most Birdies; J.J. Atalig won the Eagle award and Ed Sablan received the Perfect Attendance award, while Frances Sablan and Matt Chargualaf finished the season as the respective Highest Gross and Highest Handicap winners.

The SGA would like to thank sponsors J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Duty-Free Shoppers, Ltd., Pacific Islands Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Marianas Country Club, Kingfisher Golf Links, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, and Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

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and doubles events in her first tournament in New Zealand last week, goes for a pool sweep today when she duels the winless Nancy Fatai at 8:30pm.

Regardless of the results of her last pool match, Lee is guaranteed to take the No. 1 spot in Group D and march into the quarterfinals. Michl (4-2) and

Homkrun (4-1) are likely to battle for the second and last Round of 8 spots to join Lee and the Top 2 finishers in three other groups.

Paige Dargie Alter (4-0) leads Group A, followed by Ruby Coffin (2-1), while Holly Stewart finished on top of Group B with her 5-0 card, and Sarah-Kate Weekley (5-0) is ahead in

Lee's teammate, Isabel Heras is in Group B, but dropped to

third place after Day 3 with her 2-2 record. Heras, who won her first match last Tuesday, but went 1-for-3 in Day 2, took a break yesterday and plays Carys Elisabeth Robson this morning for her last pool match. The 12-year-old CNMI bet must win her last game and then hope the second-running Courtney Eva Huff falls to Lilia Meeth Jerry to force a tie for the second quarterfinals berth in Group B.

Meanwhile, Luther Lizama

wrapped up his Group F assign-

The lone male CNMI player (Saipan Tribune)

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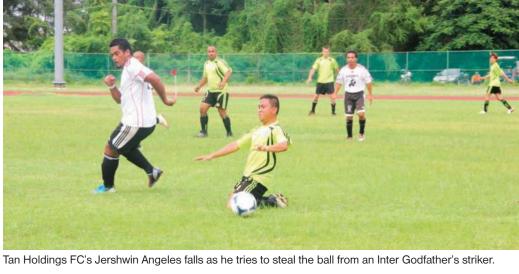
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M-League Division 1 and 2 Games



Tan Holdings FC and Inter Godfather's players battle for possession during their Division 1 game in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.





A Kanoa FC player, left, is chased by a Matansa FC defender during their Division 2 match.



A Korean Football Association on Saipan player tries to stop the ball during their game against Tan Holdings



Paire FC's Daniel Stafford catches the ball during their game against Shirley's FC.



Paire FC's Steve McKagan uses his chest to stop the ball.



A Shirley's FC players kicks the ball out as he is guarded by two Paire FC defenders.



A Kanoa FC player, left, goes for a header against a Matansa FC defender.



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WSR dethrones GTC in IFL



Players and coaches of William S. Reyes Elementary School (in blue uniforms) and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary Schools pose with their trophies during the awards presentation for the NMIFA U12 Interscholastic League held yesterday at the Garapan Elementary School Field. Also in the photo is NMIFA general secretary Edward Salas, standing right.

illiam S. Reyes Elementary School clinched its first boys championship in the NMIFA U12 Interscholastic League after beating Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in the

finals, 2-1, yesterday at the Garapan El-

ementary School Field.



Shakobe Rangamar scored the pair of goals for the Kingfishers to dethrone Mariana Islands GTC, which won last year's title after Football Association slipping past Koblerville Elementary School in two overtime periods, 1-0.

Rangamar got his first goal in the 10th minute of the opening frame and then made the second one three minutes before the title game ended. The finals and the rest of the games in the IFL were played in two 30-minute halves.

GTC, which tied the match in the first half off Joshua De Leon's goal in the 14th minute, had another opportunity to equalize in the final two minutes of the game, but the shot of one of its strikers

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Thompson rules SSC Masters Meet



Participants and volunteers in the SSC Masters Meet pose for a group photo last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Saipan Swim Club Masters members showed they still have the speed af-

ter competing in various races in the Masters Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Colin Thompson dominated the morning competition, winning three events, while Ed Ewing prevailed in two races, and SSC coach Michael S. Villagomez topped one event.

Thompson finished the 50m freestyle in 26.7 seconds, less than a second ahead of runners-up Ewing and Jeff El-Hajj, who submitted 27.48 and 27.88 seconds, respectively.

Eight other swimmers joined the first race of the day with Tim Goodwin placing fourth with a time of 28.51

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Lee, Lizama gain playoff berths in NZ

Carol Lee is assured of a quarterfinals seat in the U12 singles division of the 2012 Tennis Auckland Xmas Junior Tournament after recording wins yesterday at the Manukau Tennis Centre in Auckland, New Zealand.

Lee notched two more victories in Day 3 of the girls U12 singles to remain unbeaten in five games and lead Group D. The CNMI junior player first stunned No. 2 seed Tharubphet Homkrun, 6-3, 6-4, and then less than 30 minutes after the win, Lee downed another ranked foe, fifth seed Sophie Rose Michl. Lee shut out Michl in the opening set, 6-0, before taking the long route to victory in the second set, 7-5.

The 11-year-old Commonwealth netter, who advanced to the finals of both singles See LEE on Page 34



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Luther Lizama takes his time before getting ready to serve during a local tournament at the AMP tennis courts early this

Krishnan tops SGA Ace of Aces tourney

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND reciprocated scores.



Das Krishnan outlasted Frank Castro in a sudden death playoff to win the

Saipan Golfers Association's two-round Ace of Aces Championship held last Dec. 8 and 9 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The pair ended up knotted for the lead ahead of 18 other participants with matching combined net tallies of 140. Krishnan started out with the upper hand with a 69 to Castro's 71, though the tables turned in the final round with

The awards banquet was held in Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club last Wednesday, Dec. 12.

In addition to the coveted Ace of Aces prize, Krishnan also won accolades for his hole-in-one, eagles scored on the season, and for accruing the most winnings overall, which he gracefully celebrated Gangnam-style.

The aforementioned top finishers received individual trophies for their performances along with fourth place finisher Ned Norita (72-72) and fifth

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From left, Ned Norita, Das Krishnan (SGA 2012 Ace of Aces champion), Mariano Fajardo, Matt Chargualaf, and Nick Sablan pose for a group photo during SGA's year-end awards banquet held in Charley's Cabaret at Pacific Islands Club back last Dec. 12.